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CLIMAX APPROACHING IN YUNNAN SITUATION

Lu Han expected To leave for Hong Kong PROPOSAL TO CHIANG

Intrigues and counter-intrigues in Yunnan are expected to reach a climax in the next few days.

Guerillas in Malaya kill nine persons

Singapore, December 21.—Malayan guerillas have killed nine persons, including three British soldiers, and wounded 20, including five British soldiers in four ambushes in the past 24 hours. In one ambush today, six miles East of Seremban, two of the British soldiers were killed and five seriously wounded. In all the attacks, one guerilla was killed and five wounded, one of them was captured.—Reuter.

Reds detain British coaster

The British coaster Wing Hing is being detained by Communist authorities at Swaboo, midway between Hong Kong and Swatow. Negotiations are under way in Hong Kong to obtain her release.

Reports in the vernacular Press last evening that the Wing Hing was sunk after being bombed by Nationalist aircraft were denied by the owners, the Hong Company.

"The rumours are definitely without foundation," a senior official of the company declared last night.

It was learned that negotiations for the release of the British vessel are nearing completion and the Wing Hing is expected to return in the near future.

The ship is held incommunicado. But it was reported that the personnel have managed to contact the local office by sending messages through small river junks which are maintaining the sea link with the Communist river port.

The Wing Hing has a crew of 40, headed by Mr. James Leitch. Another report said that the vessel was flying the British flag when she entered port and was subsequently apprehended for interrogation.

The local office declined to discuss the incident.

The Wing Hing left the Colony on December 10 with 40 passengers for Swaboo. Since then, she has not been heard of by the local office.

Reports that she was being detained reached the Colony yesterday.

General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan who switched his allegiance to the Communist Peoples Government on December 9, is expected to leave Kunming today or tomorrow for Hong Kong.

As reported in the "China Mail" on December 15, General Lu Han is about to complete his second coup d'etat—re-switching the province back to the Nationalist camp.

Independent Chinese sources told the "China Mail" last night that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has agreed to a proposition by General Lu conveyed through General Chang Chun who was released from Kunming a few days after the defection to the Communists.

The proposition, they said, included the Generalissimo's approval for General Lu to go abroad with his family (The Nationalists were planning to nullify their official passports), and the necessary finances to make the trip.

General Lu Han and his family possess visas for visiting the United States.

General Li Mi

The sources added that Generalissimo Chiang has also agreed to General Lu's suggestion that General Li Mi be appointed Governor of Yunnan. General Li Mi was one of the Nationalist generals who, it was reported, joined the defection.

The proposition was sent to Taipei by General Chang Chun from Hong Kong, who remained here until the Generalissimo replied and agreed to the proposals. The sources said that the Generalissimo was compelled to give in to General Lu Han to hold on to the only province left to the Nationalists on the mainland in South China.

General Lu also was aware of his trump card. There is still a single Communist regular in Yunnan.

Control of Yunnan will give the Nationalist a sorely needed foothold on the mainland and with considerable reinforcements flown into the province from Hainan Island they will be able to hold the Communist troops at bay on the borders of Yunnan temporarily.

Invasion of Hainan

The movement of a considerable number of Communist troops from different parts of Kwangtung and Kwangsi towards the coast opposite Hainan Island was reported in the vernacular Press yesterday.

This was interpreted here as an indication that the Communists may be planning an invasion of Hainan Island before taking on Taiwan.

Hainan Island is at present in a state of confusion with more troops than can be taken care of by the existing limited facilities there.

Taiwan, on the other hand, is a well-fortified island with some 300,000 well-trained, well-fed and well-equipped troops. Reports from Hsinchu said that Kunming has not yet been re-occupied by Central Government troops. Fighting was yesterday still in progress in the outskirts of the town.

Private reports received from Kunming by Yunnan merchants said that General Lu Han was still in Kunming yesterday and that the city was still in the hands of the defecting authorities.

Russians walk out of Tokyo Council meeting

Tokyo, December 21.—Soviet Lieutenant-General Kuzma Derevyanko walked out on the Allied Council for Japan today after angrily denouncing an American attempt to debate Russia's failure to repatriate thousands of Japanese from Soviet-held territories.

Apparently informed in advance that Mr. William J. Sebald, American member and chairman of the four-power council, intended to take issue over the Russian repatriation policies, General Derevyanko took the floor shortly after the session opened and before Mr. Sebald had a chance to read a prepared 5,000-word statement.

The Soviet member charged that "American imperialism" in co-operation with Japanese "fascists" were carrying out a propaganda offensive sponsored by General Douglas MacArthur to build up a hatred of Russia in Japan and indoctrinate the Japanese people.

After being twice called to order by Mr. Sebald, General Derevyanko arose and walked out declaring, "I do not deem it possible for me to take part in this discussion."

At a parting shot, he declared that American and Japanese leaders intend to use the Japanese masses as "cannon fodder" in the "war now being prepared by them."

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Cricketer marries



Mr. George Mann, England cricketer, and his bride, former Miss Margaret Clark, are seen after their wedding at St. George's Church, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa. Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. W. Marshall Clark, General Manager of South African Railways. (AP Photo).

Legal struggle for possession of airlines opens

The legal fustle in open court for possession of properties in Hong Kong of the China National Aviation Corporation, the Central Air Transport Corporation and the National Resources Commission, began yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

The court sat to hear arguments from Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, senior counsel representing the defendant employees of the three concerns, for the discharge of the interim injunction order granted by the Chief Justice in Chambers on November 24.

Appearing with Mr. Potter were Mr. Percy Chan and Mr. B. A. Barnacchi, instructed by Messrs. Ford Kwan and Company. Mr. A. J. Clifford was for the employees of CATC in place of Mr. Barnacchi.

The plaintiffs in the action are the three concerns mentioned above, and they were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, Mr. Leo d'Almeida, KC, Mr. John McNeill and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

By consent of counsel on both sides, the interim injunction orders against employees of the CNAC and the CATC will stand over until further notice. The case proceeded on the injunction against employees of the National Resources Commission.

Mr. Potter, describing the proceedings leading up to the application, said that on November 24 the plaintiffs made an ex parte application before the Chief Justice, for an interim injunction, which was granted.

The defendants assumed that the order would remain in force for five days, but the other side said this was not the case and that they could remove any assets they saw fit.

This was, of course, very serious, and the defendants made application to Mr. Justice Goud, in the absence of the Chief Justice. They could have done it ex parte, as the other side had done, but this they did not do. They gave notice to the other side to attend.

Objection was taken by the other side that no affidavit had been filed. It was argued by me, and accepted by the judge, that an affidavit was unnecessary; we had no time to prepare one, said Mr. Potter.

TRAMWAYS LABOUR TALKS END IN DEADLOCK

Talks between representatives of the workers and management of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited held yesterday at the office of the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, ended in a deadlock.

The workers' representatives refused to make any concession in their demand for an extra monthly allowance of HK\$90 for each workman, while the management declined to make any allowance at all.

The tramway men, who went to the conference with a previously drawn up ultimatum in their pocket which they were to hand in if the talks failed, delayed its presentation at the request of Mr. Hawkins who urged them to give the matter another night's thought.

Mr. Hawkins suggested that since both sides had refused to make concessions, the men might consider the question of submitting the dispute to arbitration, and the workers' representatives agreed to put the matter to the men last evening.

The proposal for settlement by arbitration was, however, overwhelmingly turned down.

The ultimatum, already prepared on Tuesday night, set the deadline at 8 a.m. on Saturday December 24, for acceptance of their demand, failing which the men would either walk out, or adopt other measures they thought fit to enforce their demand.

In their report to the workers last night, their representatives told the meeting the management said they could not possibly agree to the demand for a special allowance, as not only would that involve an extra pay-out of HK\$2,000,000 a year, but their example would inevitably have to be followed by other utility companies and employers of labour, and thus upset the entire economic equilibrium of Hong Kong.

The workers replied their demand was based solely on economic grounds, and that their present living costs, and they and their families had to eat and live.

An open rupture between workers and management is therefore inevitable, unless there is a last-minute concession from either side when they meet again today.

Also coming to a climax is the dispute between the employees and management of the Hong Kong Telephone Company. It was reported by the workers from the company yesterday, which was discussed by the telephone workers at a meeting last night. They were told that their demand for an extra allowance could not be accepted.

However, all attention is being focussed on the outcome of the meeting between the tramway men and their management today, as it is more or less a foregone conclusion that whatever settlement, if any, which may be arrived at today will also be taken as a basis for settling the same demand from other labour unions.

Twenty sets of breathing apparatus were in use. More than half of London's 58 fire stations were alerted.

Directed by radio
Down in the murky depths where the smoke billowed and the men, fire fighters were directed by walkie-talkie radio by officers who fought the fire from a control unit fitted with a plan of the basement.

Owing to the dense smoke, firemen were baffled in finding the seat of the fire and were withdrawn last night. They stood around pouring water through ventilators and doors until this morning the basement was a three-foot deep lake, steadily rising as thousands more gallons were forced through the hoses.

The heat of the fire became so great that the thick concrete floor of the market cracked and workmen with pneumatic drills were sent for to break up the rest of the floor. The idea was to break into flames and reveal itself—but the plan was ruled out to avoid damage.

During these operations market porters brought out flowers and trees from the floors above the fire and a temporary market was held in another hall and in the surrounding streets.—Reuter.

U.S. union head asks protection for shipping

New York, December 21.—Joseph Curran has demanded that the U.S. either protect American ships in Nationalist Chinese waters or forbid them to go there.

The President of the CIO National Maritime Union made the demand yesterday in a telegram to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. "Seamen's lives," Mr. Curran said, "are not to be used as pawns in international politics by ship operators because of a lack of State Department policy."—Associated Press.

Latest recognition forecast

London, December 21.—Britain, together with most of the Commonwealth governments, will recognise the Communist Government of China immediately after the new year, according to usually reliable sources here.

Following last week's approval by the Cabinet of the policy of an early recognition, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, consulted the other Commonwealth powers and is now believed to have fixed a hard date during the first half of the first week of January.

India is still expected to publish her recognition in advance of the other Commonwealth powers. Australia, as a result of the recent change of government, may well prefer to delay her recognition until shortly after Britain but the Commonwealth powers are expected to act more or less together.

In Paris the French National Assembly Foreign Committee today rejected by 22 votes to 14 a Communist resolution asking for immediate French recognition of Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communist Republic.

M. Lambert, Caravane, Deputy from French India, also declared himself in favour of immediate recognition.

By 23 votes (Socialist, Popular Republican and Radical) to 14 (Communists and M. Lambert Caravane) the Foreign Committee adopted a resolution, relying upon the French Government to take steps in due time for a possible recognition of the Chinese Popular Republic.—Reuter.

AIR CEYLON PLANE CRASHES

Madras, December 21.—The pilot, co-pilot and one passenger were slightly injured when an Air Ceylon Dakota plane crash-landed today at Trincomalee airfield, 200 miles South West of here, and was completely wrecked. The plane, which was flying between Colombo and Madras, carried 21 passengers and a crew of four.—Reuter.

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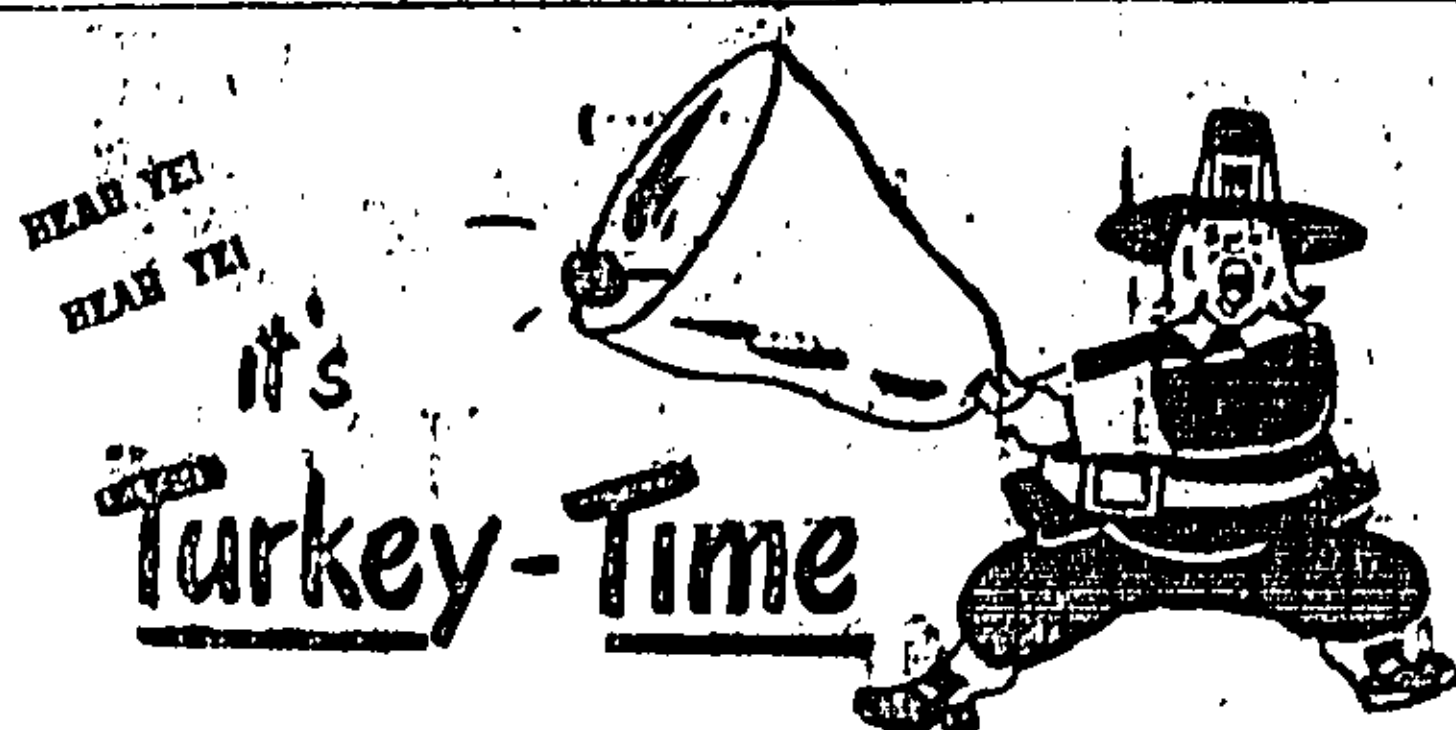
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The Weather

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Today's Forecast:—Light variable winds, mainly SE partly cloudy with some mist patches early in the morning continuing warm and hazy.
Yesterday's Weather:—
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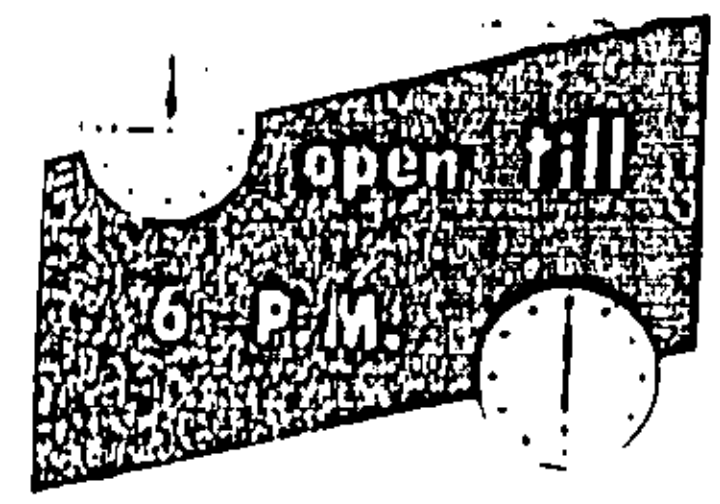
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First time in Hong Kong



Photo shows a group of people who sampled the thrill of the famous "American Roller Coaster" ride at a preview of the attractions of Luna Park yesterday. The roller coaster, HK\$7,000,000 entertainment park which opens at North Point this afternoon. ("China Mail")

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Portugal's soccer team

Sir, I read with interest in today's issue the 10 names of those selected for Portugal's team in the coming local International Soccer series, and I am surprised that the St. Joseph's Football Council should appoint a Macao resident to manage the team as well as to "import" players from that Colony, when there is local talent which could provide an eleven. If I am not mistaken, I believe there exists a Portuguese team (two P.C.A. XI) participating in the local League at present, and if this is the case, why could not there be a combination of Portuguese footballers from the P.C.A. and the St. Joseph's teams? Perhaps a trial game should have been held in order to prevent the play of favouritism, and with due respect to our Macao friends, I still contend that the local Portuguese XI, should be managed by a local Portuguese, and that local Portuguese should play for the local Portuguese XI.

"VIVA"

Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co. meeting

A loss of HK\$170,981 on the year's working ending March 31, 1949, was reported at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company Limited held at Queen's Building, yesterday.

Mr. G. E. Marden, the Chairman, said the Company remained inactive during the year. Since the close of the year it had been necessary to remit funds to Shanghai to defray the cost of claims for severance pay in respect of services with the Company which terminated more than three years ago.

As the result of a surplus on capital contribution account of HK\$1,932,228, there was a net profit of HK\$169,984 which was carried forward.

Present at the meeting were Mr. G. E. Marden (Chairman), Messrs. C. Barker, E. S. Capaldi, E. J. Hurman-Fisher and V. E. Song (Directors) and shareholders representing in all 608,734 shares.

WEDDING

Guy Hilliard, of 15 Kent Road, and Mrs. Grace Penn, of 214 Peninsula Road, were married yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office, in the presence of Mrs. Stanley J. Hunter and James W. Gould.

New Amusement park opens today

Only HK\$7,000,000 worth of original construction, nearly HK\$7,000,000 worth of original construction, will become available to Hong Kong as from today when the Luna Park amusement centre on King's Road is officially opened. The site at North Point, on which construction has been proceeding for the last six months, will be declared opened at a ceremony planned to begin at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Dignitaries from many walks of Hong Kong life will be present.

The occasion, designed on a scale of lavishment symbolically typical of the whole project, will be highlighted by a brass band musical arrangement and a parade of beauties. After the brief official opening ceremony, entrance tickets will be put on sale.

That will be the signal for the curtain to rise on Hong Kong's most ambitious entertainment enterprise in living memory.

Luna Park brings to Hong Kong at fantastically exorbitant cost the wealth of entertainment experience gathered during the past 30 years by American amusement centres such as Coney Island and the Fun Fair in San Francisco.

Calling it a gamble only Americans and Chinese would take, Mr. A. Richardson, the Luna Park manager, told the Press yesterday that the project was conceived, designed and decided upon only on the conviction that optimism over Hong Kong was justified.

12 rides

More than US\$1,000,000 were invested in realising the ambitious enterprise, most of it being spent on importing such rarities in the Far East as the Ferris Wheel, the Roller-Coaster and the Miniature Train.

In a five-acre lot which was waste land six months ago, Luna Park Limited, the parent company, has erected seven major American-style "joy rides" and five "miniature rides" for children.

Lording over the park is what is claimed to be the most lavishly equipped ballroom in the Far East.

At night thousands of coloured lights go up and soft music is re-diffused through many loudspeakers, the whole area is transformed into a child's dream of wonderland come true.

Restaurants, milk bars and two dozen side-shows add a circus-like quality to the Luna Park design, nibbled out by some of the Colony's leading architects, Mr. S. F. Lee.

20,000 a day

Conducting the parade around the grounds at a special preview yesterday, Mr. Richardson envisaged an unstinted parade on Government for the many facilities extended to the Luna Park management while construction was in progress.

As Mr. Richardson explained the nature of the financial outlay and the risks involved, a battalion of workmen, carpenters, masons and coolies worked frantically putting finishing touches to the ensemble.

Twenty thousand people will be accommodated with ease during any one day, Mr. Richardson said. Tickets for the time being will be priced at \$1 (entrance charge) and 50 cents for each joy ride.

In the ballroom, air conditioned, originally intended, and spring-floored, and in the Chinese Restaurant and the half-dozen milk bars, city prices will be charged.

Surveying the whole project with the proud air of a parent who assisted at its birth, Mr. Richardson said: "Hong Kong has never had such a boon before. We were called fools when we took the plan seriously. Well, I hope in days to come our optimism will be justified."

Metal Industries annual meeting

Metal Industries of China Limited, at its annual general meeting held at Queen's Building, yesterday, reported a net loss of HK\$189,874 for the year ended December 31, 1948.

Mr. G. E. Marden, in his report, said the Company and its subsidiaries have contributed actively during the year, and there have been no developments which might have made it possible to commence operations in Hong Kong.

Excessive land tax in Shanghai made it impossible to forecast when the Company would be able to resume business there.

Present at the meeting were Mr. G. E. Marden (Chairman), Mr. V. K. Song (Director) and shareholders representing 93,000 shares.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Avin Cornelius, William Binauw, Corning Clark, of 15 Shouan Hill Road, and Miss Andrija Jozic, of 100, Victoria Road, will be married tomorrow.

FRENCH NOT REPLYING TO COMMUNIST PROTEST

The French High Commissioner in Indo-China will not reply to the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai's, protest on Tuesday that French planes violated territorial rights in Communist China, the "China Mail" learned yesterday. Because diplomatic relations do not exist between France and Communist-held China, Chou En-lai's "newspaper protest" is regarded as a Communist propaganda effort, and nothing more.

During the past two years, the Nationalist government filed "countless protests" with the French government because of French planes circling over Chinese territory while landing at the China-Indo-China border town of Langson.

These protests were perfunctory, and not taken seriously by either government. Whether the Communists about a different attitude is yet to be determined.

French troops in Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina will remain indefinitely in these areas, which will officially become the independent country of Vietnam on December 30, under the leadership of Bao Dai.

More than 40,000 white French troops are in the Tonkin area, and in frequent conflict with Communist guerrilla leader Ho Chi Minh (Nguyen Ai Quoc). Though the Vietnam-China border will be under a new government on December 30, the government is co-operating with the French authorities.

No expects aid

With Chinese Communists on the Tonkin border, Ho Chi Minh is expecting aid from Communists across the border in his fight against Bao Dai and French troops.

Hundreds of the Communist guerrilla leaders have been captured with Lenin and Marxist pamphlets and booklets found among their equipment.

It is believed that some Soviet-trained political leaders have been placed with the guerrillas to give them political lectures and instruction.

The amount and kind of assistance which the Chinese Communists will give to Ho Chi Minh is expected to be primarily determined by Soviet instruction.

Soviet-trained Ho is expected to give a strong force of men and material aid, in addition to securing free entry of his troops into Yunnan at any time.

Assisting Ho Chi Minh, who was active in the Third International's Southern Sea Organization, Hong Kong Branch, in the late 1920's, is University-educated Vo Nguyen Giap, former Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnam dissidents during the last war.

However, French authorities expect little trouble from Chinese Communists at the moment, for the Chinese Communists have too much to gain from diplomatic recognition by the French Government to risk a Vietnam or Indo-China incident, the source said.

Removal of wreck

The wreck of the Norwegian freighter Halidar, sunk by Allied bombers in 1943 between the Naval Floating dock and the China Fleet Club, is to be removed.

Operations to blow up the wreckage and salvage her piece by piece, covering several months, will be undertaken by Captain W. A. Dinet, Salvage Subintendant of Mollers Limited, for the Marine Department.

Shipping in the "danger area" will be notified of the time of operation, to which any time they like, provided they comply with the proper channels.

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Alleged robbery aboard junk

Committal proceedings against three men, Wong King Ho and Chan Ngan, charged with robbery on the high sea and possession of arms and ammunition, were heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-inspector W. H. Summers told the Court that on the morning of November 19 an unlicensed junk owned by one Wong Yuen-kau, left Shatin in Chinese territory for Castle Peak.

When near Plover Island she was boarded by five men, four of them armed with revolvers, from a sampson. They light people aboard the junk were ordered to raise their hands and were searched.

When the junk arrived at Black Point, Deep Bay, the people in the junk were herded into a watch house. The robbers then covered the junk with boards and several bags of rice while they made their getaway.

While the robbers were making their escape, two bags of rice, a police watch, and a small amount of cash were taken. Wong King Ho and Chan Ngan were arrested at Black Point.

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Second open air concert

The second open air concert at the Botanical Gardens will take place on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The decision to continue with the weekly open air concerts resulted from the interest aroused at the concert a fortnight ago.

Tuesday's concert will be given by the Band of 1st Bn. Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

There will be seating accommodation for at least 300 persons in addition to standing space.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Silverstone, Miss E. J. Bello, Messrs. H. W. Britton, F. W. O'Brien, J. K. Shafer, V. A. Brubaker, R. H. Radtch, A. A. G. Enby, Yu Lu-shan, L. Johnstone, R. A. Ellery, C. R. Brown, J. R. C. K. Yen, S. Baldwin and L. Cabot.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wattersworth, Messrs. J. S. Quinn, A. Macdon, R. E. Hunt, P. M. Thomson, C. K. Yen, S. Baldwin and L. Cabot.

Among the passengers who arrived here by CPA from Singapore yesterday included Mr. H. J. Pavey Roberts and Mr. A. E. Bellot.

Passengers from Rangoon by CPA yesterday were Mr. M. S. Patti, Mr. M. Y. Kwin, Mr. A. D. Lajtham, Mr. M. Y. Kyone and Mr. E. L. Perry.

Among the passengers from Bangkok by CPA yesterday were Miss Lusia Millikoff, Miss J. W. G. Seabrey, Mr. J. N. Wesselink and Mr. Gurbake Singh.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The Education Department plans to hold an exhibition of school text-books and other equipment in February at the Northcote Training College.

Chinese and English books will be displayed. It is hoped to arrange short talks on the selection of books by experts in particular subjects. An unusual feature of the exhibition will be a display of home-made apparatus.

In his address to the members of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association at their annual general meeting, the Director of Education suggested the provision of a Training Centre for unqualified teachers and the organization of a provident fund for teachers' pension, in addition to a private school. The suggestions have been taken up by the Council.

Of the many new Government schools to be completed within the new year, preparations for the new building of the Kowloon Junior School are most advanced. This building is planned very advanced lines and will accommodate between 250 and 300 children. A special nursery classroom is being arranged for the infants, which will have access to its own playground and garden.

Another playground will be provided for the older children. The school will have a special Assembly Hall, in which children's rooms will be added so that it will be used also as a gymnasium. All windows on the South side of the building will be fitted with glazed tiles in order to eliminate glare.

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Card holders who do not draw the rations between December 22 and January 3 will be considered as having given up their share of firewood ration for the first period.

The prices of firewood has been fixed at HK\$0.20 a picul for sawn logs.

Rice ration card holders in the three districts can still register for firewood ration cards with the War Company, 14, On Lan Street.

The retail shops appointed for the three districts are: Tai Shing at No. 81, Chin Young Street; Tai Shing at No. 8, Wing Hing Street; and Wo Hing Chan at No. 1, Shepherd Street.

Reminders

Today

Y.M. Men's Club luncheon, talk on "Some Aspects of Christianity," by Mr. R. Dart, Roof Garden, 11th Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Portuguese Institute of H.K. talk on "The Work of the Zikawei Observatory — 1873-1949" by the Rev. Fr. E. Chazal, 6 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, dance, 8 p.m.

Hanukkah Ball, Jewish Club, 70, Robinson Road.

Children's Xmas Party, Royal Naval Dockyard, 2.30 p.m. in Canton.

Kowloon Book Recreation Club Children's Xmas Party, 3 p.m.

Seventh Annual Exhibition of Chinese Products, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

British Council weekly show, Helena May Institute, 3.40 p.m.

Nativity Show by Diocesan Girls' School at St. Andrew's Church hall, 8 p.m.

Forces Xmas Party, by St. Andrew's Club, at St. Andrew's Church hall, 9 p.m.

Service Xmas Dinner, at European YMCA, 7.30 p.m.

RAF Association, luncheon-meeting, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Carols and Xmas Party, St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

Forces "At Home" at St. Andrew's Church Vicarage, 9.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Nine Dragons Services Club Xmas Eve Carol Singing, 8 p.m.

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Saints Home and Missions to Seamen, Xmas Eve Midnight Service, Holy Communions, 11.45 p.m.

Shipping firm not liquidating

A rumour that the Eastern Asia Navigation Company Limited was contemplating liquidation was denied by Mr. G. E. Marden at the Company's Annual General Meeting yesterday.

Mr. Marden, Chairman, replying to a question put by a shareholder said: "There is definitely no intention of liquidating under the existing circumstances but it is the opinion of the Board it became unprofitable or otherwise undesirable to operate ships, the question might be considered."

In his report the Chairman said there has been no further change in the composition of the fleet, but negotiations were proceeding for the purchase of an oil-burning steamer.

The Lady Wolmer was operating satisfactorily and had been profitably employed throughout the year.

A loss of HK\$208,012 on purchase and resale of vessel was revealed in the accounts.

Bill to control rabies comes before Council

The first reading of a Bill to regulate the keeping and control of dogs and cats, and to prevent the introduction into and the spread of rabies in the Colony was moved by the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin in Legislative Council yesterday.

Mr. Griffin said that during the past 12 months incidence of rabies in the Colony had resulted in 20 human deaths and 30 animals (dogs and cats) deaths.

The Bill before the Council, continued Mr. Griffin, provides for the widening of powers to search for and seize animals which are rabid or suspected of being rabid and also provides for the destruction of such animals in the case of suspected rabies.

Ordinance and regulations. Regulations had been prepared and would be submitted to the Governor in Council in the Bill before the Council was introduced.

The main feature of the regulations was compulsory inoculation against rabies in respect of dogs as a condition precedent to licensing and that inoculation should occur every 12 months. The Bill also provided for more stringent obligation upon owners to muzzle or keep their dogs on a lead.

The motion by Mr. Griffin that the Supreme Court Rule made by the Chief Justice on December 2, 1949, under section 32 of the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1937, be approved was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and passed by the Council.

Two resolutions by the Planning Department, to amend the Planning Ordinance, 1941, and the other concerning the award of compensation to the dependants of a person who dies before 1949, were also passed.

Pro-Peking airlines personnel to be "indoctrinated"

The pro-Communist elements of the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation are jointly planning to send their local staff to Canton to be "indoctrinated" there, according to an employee of the airlines yesterday.

Sponsored by the Chinese People's Central Government Civil Aeronautic Bureau in Canton, the "indoctrination class" which will start shortly, will have about 300 students at a time.

Robbery suspects on trial

Two armed robberies, committed in the same fashion, were recalled at the trial of six men at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, and a jury of six men and a woman.

The accused, who are not legally represented, are Au Yeung Yai-hon, Au Yeung-chik, Au Yeung-chung, Au Yeung-hei, Au Yeung-sun and Leung Yui who are charged with possession of arms and ammunition and two counts of robbery with aggravation.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope, is prosecuting.

According to Crown Counsel, on the night of July 23 this year, a man and his fiancée walking along Hoi Yee Road were held up by two men from behind. The victims had a watch and rings taken.

On another occasion, another couple strolling in Cause Road was also robbed of their rings, a wrist watch and a purse. In each case, the victims later identified some of the accused as the robbers.

The case continues at 10 a.m. today.

TEACHER SENTENCED

A professional teacher of Chinese hand writing, Yu Man-ching, age 60, was sentenced to six weeks and ordered to be expelled by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

On Tuesday Yu was found guilty of obtaining \$20 from two women residing at 48, Tai Ping Road, first floor of December 17 by pretending that he had been sent by the Director of Education to teach their children.

Sentence was reserved till yesterday as the Police were asked to make inquiries about defendant and because defendant had claimed that a doctor would come forward to help him in returning the \$20 he had taken.

The doctor failed to appear in Court yesterday.

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POAS plane turned back from Chengtu

One Pacific Overseas Airways (Siam) aircraft chartered by the Chinese Government through the Civil Air Transport, left here early yesterday morning for Chengtu but only to return in the afternoon after being advised to return by the Chinese Air Force in Chengtu.

A Sky-master, the aircraft which was piloted by Captain G. H. Mills, was about 30 minutes from Chengtu airport when CAF radio advised the captain of the Sky-master to return to the Colony.

The Sky-master said that the runway was too short for the plane to land also there was not enough speed to bank the Sky-master as quite a lot of Chinese Air Force aircraft were standing at the airport.

Kunming flights

Meanwhile, a CAT aircraft left for Haiphong yesterday morning. The C-46 will probably be destined for Kunming by CAT Haiphong office to conduct a survey flight to the Yunnan capital city which according to reports received here recently has been recaptured by the Nationalists.

A CAT official said that the survey flight is to test the Kunming radio station. If the flight is successful, CAT aircraft will resume their Kunming flights shortly.

Also leaving for Kunming in the morning was a Trans Asiatic Airways C-47.

The plane which was chartered by Chinese agents left here after the TAA had obtained permission to land from the Chinese Air Force at Kunming.

She is expected to stay over night in Kunming and return here today via Sanya (Yulghong) on Hainan Island.

She carried no passenger but had two extra flight crew.

Her only cargo was eight drums of aviation petrol meant for her return trip.

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"The teaching of this science, given its true Christian basis of the 'dependence' of all man on God who created us and from Whom all authority derives, is I am convinced, the immediate response to the instant challenge of an atheistic philosophy; one practical solution of a problem which challenges all those who have been confided with the sacred trust of the education of youth."

"We wait on the eve of a new and changing world, its problems will be ours. And we go forward into the unknown, conscious of our responsibility; aware too of the 'responsibility' which we owe of moulding the youth of tomorrow ever confident of God's abiding Grace; secure in the knowledge that He, in His wisdom ordains all things unto good."

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20, 1949.

RUSSIANS WALK OUT OF TOKYO COUNCIL MEETING

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Sebald presented in evi-
dence of the seriousness of the
repatriation issue two large bun-
dles of petitions from the Japa-
nese people to their government
asking for a speed up of the re-
turn of soldiers to their relatives
and friends.

The Council chairman asserted
that according to the "best avail-
able statistics" 370,000 Japanese
prisoners of war and "Internees"
unaccounted for in Manchuria
and other Soviet-held territories.

Mr. Sebald went on to rip the
indoctrination of Japanese pri-
soners. He said, "The indoctrina-
tion programme has all the earm-
arks of a vast machine designed
to reconstruct the lives and po-
litical future of selected candi-
dates."

He said the programme was
built on the long experience of
Russian Communism with a view
"to eventual proletarian revolu-
tion in Japan."

Mr. Sebald said: "Thus, if we
were to accept in all their
grossness the full implica-
tion of these ghastly accounts
of disease, malnutrition, inade-
quate housing, physical abuse,
and all callous cruelties of slave
labour conditions—combined
with an apparent lack of even
elementary medical care and fa-
cilities—in all these unbelieve-
able accounts of disregard for
humanity are indeed true—we
can arrive at the heart-rending
conclusion that the 374,041
Japanese formerly in Soviet
hands are now dead and will
never return to Japan."

"Can this be true?" Are we to
believe that of the 370,000 Japa-
nese still unaccounted for only two
or three thousand remain alive?"

Mr. Sebald continued, "We can
only guess at what may have
happened behind the curtain of
silence that has shut off these

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happies Japanese from their home-
land and their people for the past
four years."

Hodgson's statement

The British Commonwealth re-
presentative, Mr. W.R. Hodgson,
criticised the Soviet refusal to
discuss Japanese repatriation as
violation of the Potsdam Declara-
tion, the Geneva Convention of
1920 and the 1948 United Nations
Declaration.

Mr. Hodgson recommended to
the Allied Council for Japan
that the Soviet government of
the International Red Cross be
designated to go into Soviet
areas and ascertain the cor-
rect figures regarding prisoners held.
He expressed the hope that a
new agreement clarifying the
situation might be negotiated
between SCAP and the Soviet
Union.

He noted the Russians had ig-
nored the April 25 memorandum
from General MacArthur's Head-
quarters asking for figures on
prisoners of war.

Mr. Hodgson said: "That was
only a reasonable request."
When the repatriation issue first
came before the Council two
years ago, Mr. Hodgson said, it
was estimated there were 800,000
Japanese in Russian hands.
"That figure has never been
challenged by the Soviets. The
only conclusion we can arrive at
is that figure was accepted as
such. The other day the Soviet
Mission spokesman said with the
return of 87,000 this year the re-
patriation programme had been
completed."

"It is possible that the figure
can be reconciled but only on the
tragic and awful assumption that
370,000 Japanese died in the
hands of the retaining powers."

Russian accusation

Russia this afternoon accused
the United States occupation
authorities and the Japanese
Government of violating the
Potsdam Declaration by spon-
soring "anti-democratic" ac-
tivities in Japan.

The Russian charges were con-
tained in a letter to General
MacArthur by Lieutenant-Gener-
al Dorevanko. It was made public
only a few hours after the Soviet
representative and seven staff
members walked out of the an-
griest Council meeting in the
history of the Japan occupation.

General Dorevanko listed a
long number of alleged suppres-
sive incidents by the police and
of "reactionary" laws and direc-
tives issued by the Japanese
Government.

He said: "These steps of the
Japanese Government and the
American occupation authorities,
without the knowledge of which
these measures could not be con-
sidered, violated the Potsdam
Declaration and suppressed the fun-
damental democratic freedom of
the Japanese people which direct-
ly leads to the revival of fascist
order which existed in Japan
before the capitulation."

General Dorevanko proposed
"for consideration of the Supreme
Commander" that the Japanese
government be ordered to, first-
ly, abolish its ban on political
activities; by government and
state employees, revise the "no
strike" public service law and
discontinue and suppress "anti-
democratic legislation."

"Secondly, stop the 'police club'
law and suppression of trade union
and other democratic organiza-
tion activities and 'punish those
who are responsible for carrying
out mass arrests and the
dismissal 'for political ends' of
trade union leaders, professors and
teachers and reinstate all un-
lawfully discharged persons."

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the crucial cards are so located
that one of you can retain pro-
tection against the suit with
which he can make entry from
one of his holdings to the opposite
your partner can keep cards that
beat his best single cards in the
other two suits, he is outwitted.

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the eleventh trick, holding there
also the heart 9 and diamond Q,
while his own hand retained the
diamond A-8 and spade 10.

Having thus planned, each ran
tricks in the same order, after
taking the heart 2 lead with the
K, the rest being heart Q, spade
A, spade K for the diamond 10
diamond, club J, club A, heart
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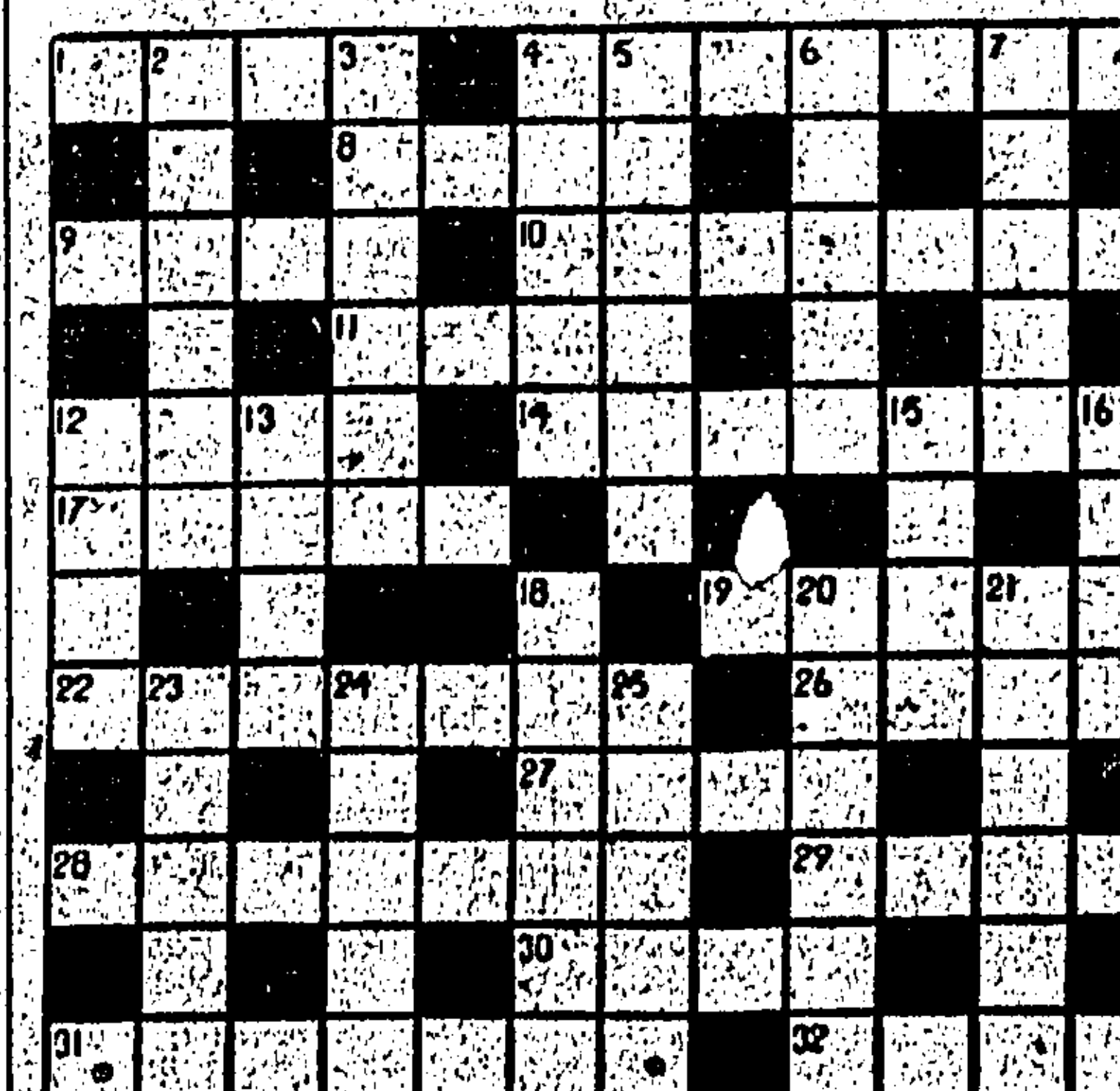
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1. Blenheim. 22. Normal. 23. Spirit. 24. Uniform.
4. Artillery. 25. Diagram. 26. Wood. 27. Tarried.
8. Article. 27. Container. 28. Exclude. 29. Vivavocce.
9. Stalk. 28. For crops. 29. Figures. 30. Made a
10. Equilibrium. 29. Get rid of. 30. Feature. 31. profit.
11. Game. 30. Benevolent. 31. Happen. 32. Move easily.
12. Drug. 31. Monster. 32. Again. 33. Individual
13. Repair. 32. Reproof. 33. Daybreak. 34. things.
14. Vigilant. 33. Naked. 34. Forward. 35. Lord.
15. Custom. 34. Naked. 35. Forward. 36. Lord.

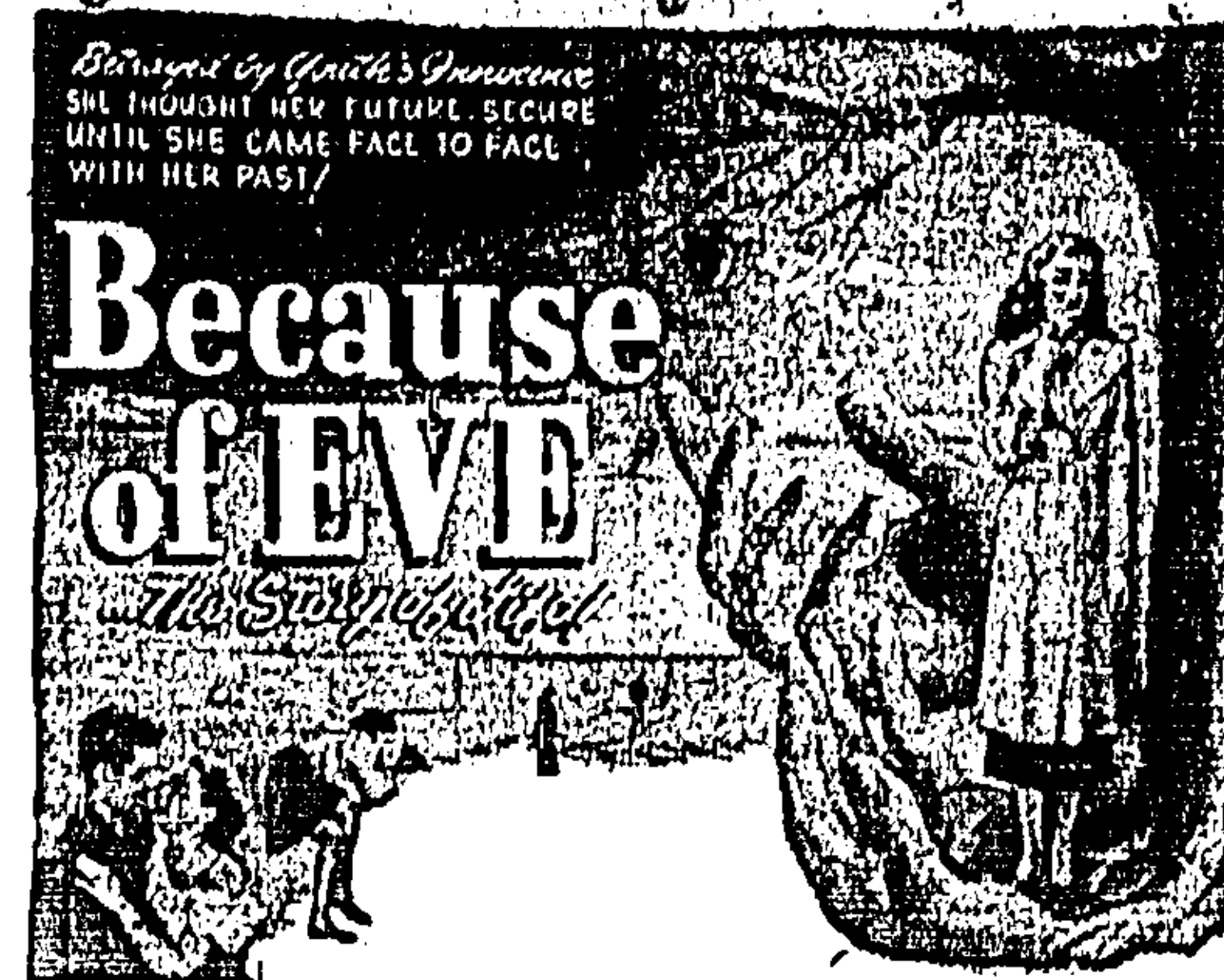
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ACROSS: 1. Repeat. 2. Easy.
8. Nacre. 9. Russian. 10. Exotic.
Griffin. 12. Asps. 13. Treat. 14. Garter. 15. Needle. 20. Even. 22.
Scott. 23. Surge. 25. Stir. 26. Hatter. 27. Rents. 28. Shred. 29.
Sensed.

DOWN: 1. Bahama. 2. Fast-
pound. 3. Knag. 4. Tarried. 5.
Examine. 6. Serene. 7. Alder. 14.
Educates. 15. Tortured. 16. Re-
sumed. 17. Slight. 19. Ensure. 21.
Vetch. 24. Easy.

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Weather up to tricks

London, December 20. The world's weather has been playing tricks. In the last few days before Christmas, North Africa has had heavy snow. Gales have swept France and Britain, while in Normandy summer-like sunshine has ripened strawberries and brought apple trees into blossom.

After heavy snowfalls in Morocco, olive trees were broken and the crop ruined by the weight of snow today in a large area East of Fez. Thick fog hung over much of the Southern United States, hindering land, air and water traffic. Thirty-two were injured early today when three train-cars piled up because of poor visibility.—Reuter.

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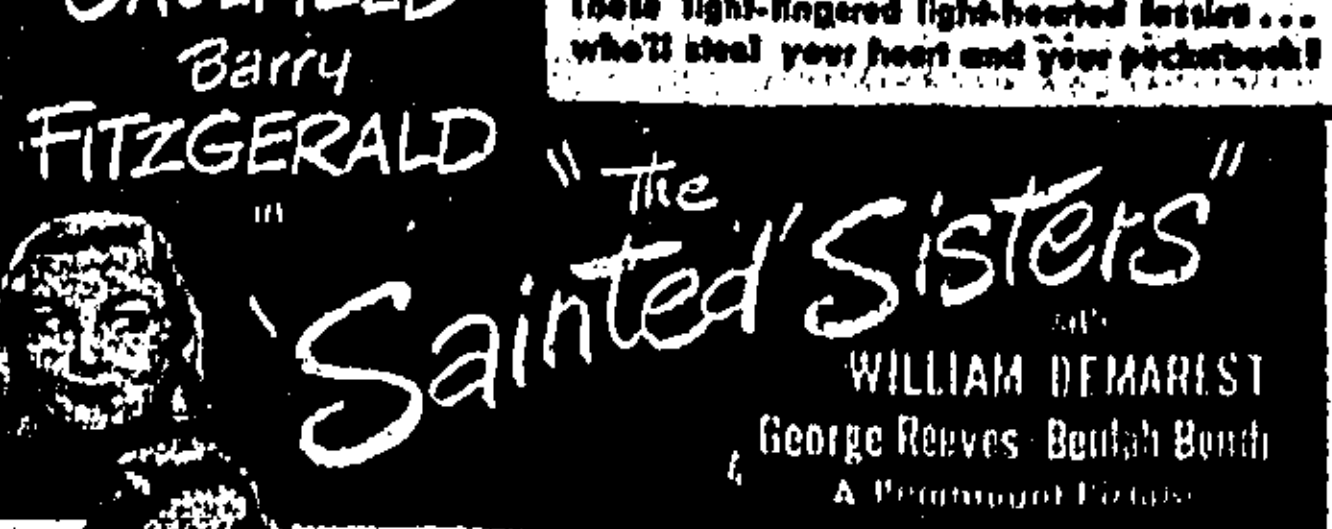
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The blonde 30-year-old former opera singer Charlotte Tideman, five months a Duchess, today publicly renounced her position as the wife of former King Alfonso's eldest surviving son rather than be an "obstacle" to his accession to the Spanish Throne.

The Duchess received Press correspondents in a Paris hotel suite with Mr. Guido Orlando, an American public relations expert.

She told reporters that her 41-year-old husband, the Duke of Segovia, knew nothing of her decision to obtain a divorce because she had kept newspapers from him. The Austrian-born singer said that the Duke loved Spain so much that he would never be happy if he thought that she stood between him and his return.

RITA SEES THE PRESS

Lausanne, December 20. Prince and Princess Aly Khan held a 20-minute Press conference in the open air at Lausanne today, but no mention was made of the biggest item of news—the expected date of arrival of the Princess baby.

The Princess (the film star, Rita Hayworth) remained seated in the light gray car and talked with reporters and photographers. She was dressed in a dark mink coat and wore a green silk scarf around her light red hair. She smiled frequently but seemed more tired than she has been in the past few days.

The top of the car had been opened to help the photographers. Prince Aly invited the correspondents and photographers inside the Chateau d'Origny, the home of his half-brother, Prince Sadruddin, where he drank a glass of champagne with them. Rita remained outside in the car. When photographers asked to pictures with her daughter, Rebecca Wells, Rita said, "I do not think we had better. She really does not like being photographed. She is terribly camera shy."

The Princess, who has been spending much of her time indoors at the Palace Hotel, said, "I am glad to have a chance to get some fresh air." The expected date of birth is not known even to those most closely connected with Professor Rudolphe Rebat, who will attend the Princess. Members of the staff at his Mont Choisi Clinic, where the baby will be born, said they had been on a permanent 24-hour alert throughout the past week. One nurse said, "It looks as though I shall miss my Christmas holiday."—Associated Press.

Star's husband agrees to a divorce

New York, December 20. Dr. Peter Lindstrom, 34, has agreed to divorce his film star wife, Ingrid Bergman, according to the New York "World-Telegram."

Mr. Lawrence Brinn, Dr. Lindstrom's New York lawyer, is considering the proposed settlement of property submitted by Ingrid Bergman's Hollywood lawyer, Mr. Greg Bautzer.

"Mr. Bautzer and I have been discussing a proposed settlement for the past few days," Mr. Brinn said. "Our discussions have not been concluded." The "World-Telegram" said that although Mr. Brinn would not state it directly, it is understood the proposal calls for ultimate divorce.—Associated Press.

Gable to marry Lady Alderley

San Luis, December 20. The actor, Clark Gable, obtained a licence today to marry Lady Sylvia Alderley.

The British Information Service at Los Angeles identified her as the widow of Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

Gable, aged 40, and the 39-year-old former London showgirl have been seen together lately in Hollywood. She was the former Lady Sylvia Ashley of London, who married Lord Stanley of Alderley after Fairbanks died.

Gable was widowed in 1942 when his actress wife, Carole Lombard, was killed in a plane crash.—Associated Press.

INCIDENT IN STAR'S FLAT

New York, December 20. Robert Wilcox, the film actor, was found bound and gagged today in actress Diana Barrymore's apartment. Police said he was tied by two men who ransacked the place.—Associated Press.

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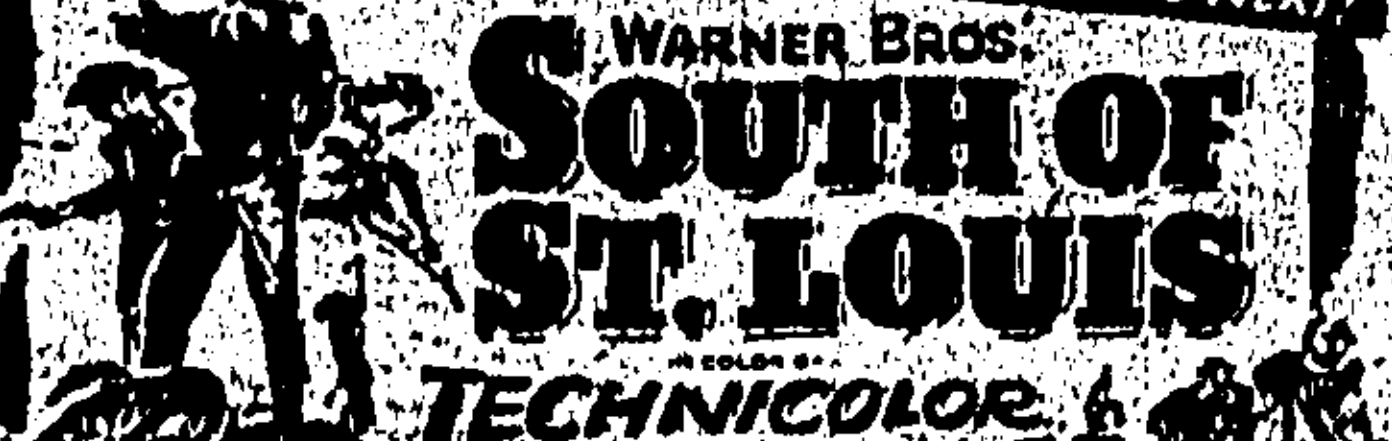
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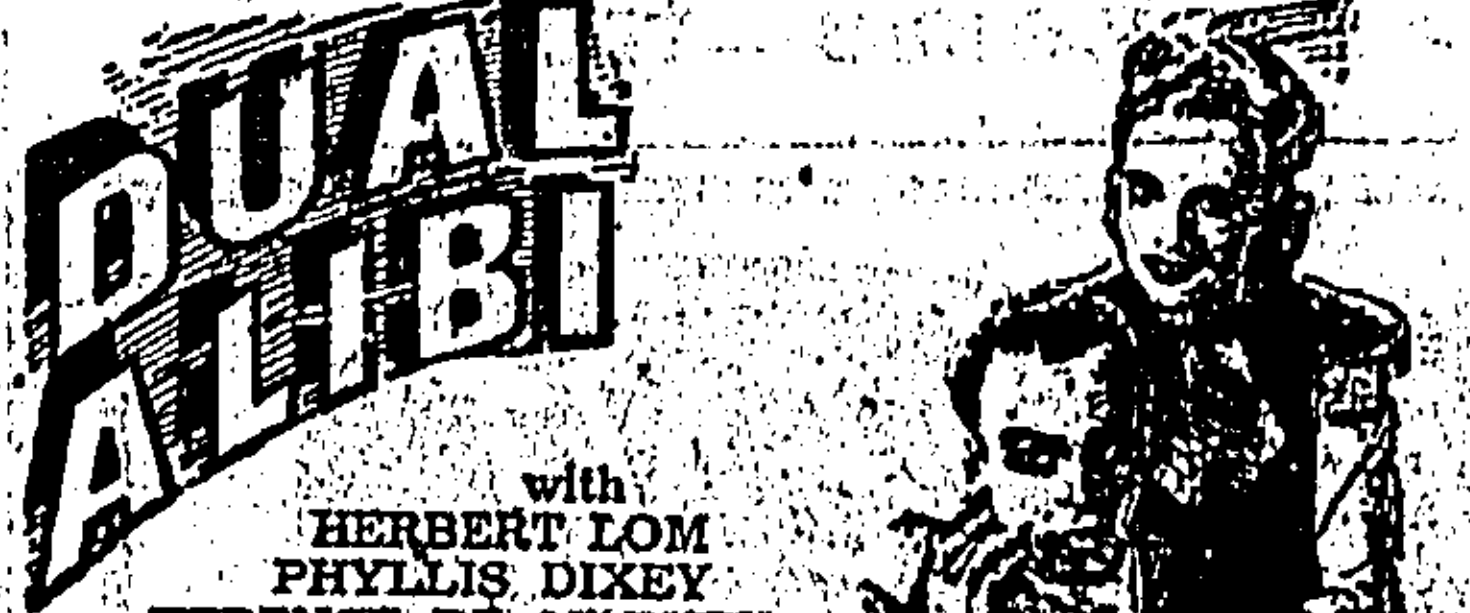
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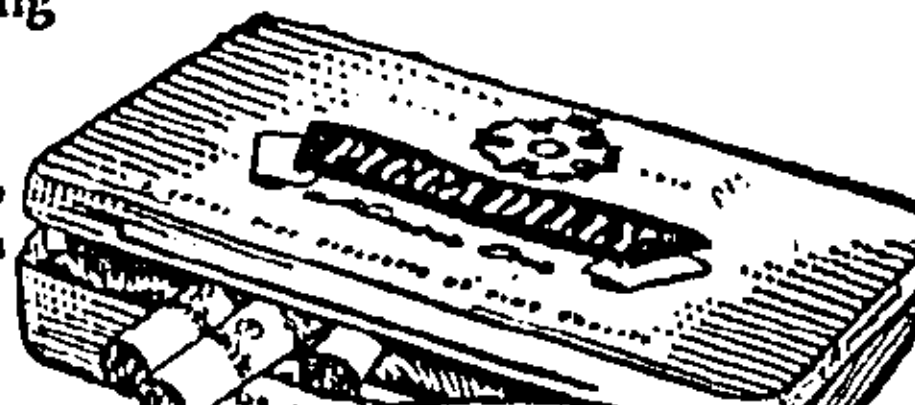
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THE OLD LION GETS RESTIVE

The old Lion of Morocco is rumbling and pawing the earth again as he looms through the narrow confines of his gilded cage.

Emir Abdel Krim, that almost legendary figure of Morocco, who fought French and Spanish armies with his Rif warriors in 1925, is living in exile in Egypt, and not liking it.

He came to Egypt in 1947 when he abandoned his ship at Port Said while the French were escorting him from his exile in Reunion Island to France, there to spend his remaining days. But North African nationalists persuaded him to jump ship, and once again take up the cudgels for North African freedom.

Ignored by Arabs

The "old lion," aged by more than 20 years in exile, shuffled through the halls of the Arab League and the Egyptian government, hoping that he would get at least the moral support of his Arab brethren.

But they were all busy with Palestine, and when Palestine ended in defeat, the Emir snored in disgust at the poor fight and sank into a frustrated silence.

The veteran Rif leader realised that the time was not propitious for any North African campaign, military or political.

Now, two years after the Palestine affair and with the Arabs trying to stage a comeback on the international scene by constructive social and political plans, the old lion is stirring.

Seeks support

He has been meeting people, and preparing a new drive to get better conditions for the North Africans.

Recently Emir Abdel Krim visited Egyptian Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha to thank him for Egypt's support of North Africa in the United Nations. The Emir wants United Nations inquiry commission to investigate conditions in North Africa.

All indications point to the Emir being determined to carry out some decisive moves in favour of North Africa.

INTERNATIONAL SPIES AND HOW THEY WORK

The immensity of Russia has not prevented the Western World from knowing that the Soviet Union has atom plants; a country which covers one-sixth of the globe still cannot conceal the fact that she has produced an atomic explosion, a fact which was known in the political centres of the Anglo-Saxon world a few minutes after it happened.

And while the credit for the first news may be claimed for seismographic instruments, there seems to be no doubt that the intelligence service played a large part, possibly in discovering the explosion itself, and certainly in accumulating details of it. The blow dealt to the Western Powers by Russia's having either developed the scientific process herself (with the help of German experts) or obtained the secret through her spy and intelligence system has been softened by American—and possibly British—intelligence and speedy detection.

The battle of the war in peace—spies of the first world war called it, is being waged. It is a battle of wits, routine work and money.

Wits: the days of Mata Hari and other "beautiful spies," of dancers, actresses and ladies of easy morals who entangled in the net of their fascination kymen from the other side are over; so are the days of bespectacled Japanese spies and brief-case carrying German agents. Today—as during the Second World War—espionage and intelligence are made in a much more subtle and unobtrusive way.

Much light on international espionage has been thrown recently through a survey made by the international magazine, "United Nations World," published in New York and London. The survey contains the following details:

Huge sum

The Soviet Union is spending \$27,500,000 (pre-devolution value) yearly on intelligence. The number of her full-time operatives is 12,800; this figure does not include auxiliaries like casual informers, train and coast watchers, resident observers or "ideological" helpers. The Soviet full-time agents are superbly trained in the technical

details of espionage in the world's most lavishly endowed spy schools, some of which have university status.

The maintenance of these schools both within and outside the USSR means an additional burden on the treasury, from whose immense, unvoiced funds all espionage bills are paid—most of them in cash.

According to the magazine "United Nations World," the annual U.S. expenditure for intelligence is \$20,000,000 (pre-devolution), and the number of American full-time operatives is 6,015. The U.S. budget figure includes everything from the total appropriations of the Central Intelligence Agency to the very limited "unvouchered" funds available for "action missions" or "projects" of independent operatives. The number of operatives includes all non-clerical personnel engaged in the intelligence activities of the U.S. Government, except investigators hired by certain committees of its legislative branch. The high expenditure is no reflection of the scope and efficiency of the U.S. intelligence. The purchasing power of the U.S. "intelligence dollar" is that of an inflated currency in foreign fields.

The British Intelligence Service expenditure is \$14,000,000 (pre-devolution), while the number of operatives is only 3,500. Most of the funds available to British intelligence are invisible and unvoiced. Openly appropriated funds show a remarkable increase since 1913. In that year, \$58,550 were appropriated for "secret service" accounts. In 1938, Britain's overt services' budget reached the record peace-time total of \$520,025. Today it exceeds \$2,500,000—and that figure is understood to represent about 20 per cent of total expenditures. Long experience and minimum economy in all British intelligence organisations in the use of both funds and personnel.

Varied systems

Though the aims of the intelligence service in each country are naturally the same, the system of work—at high level and in routine matters—varies. Of the Soviet espionage methods and organisation, the survey of the "United Nations World" reports:

The Russians believe that quantity produces quality and therefore employ the greatest number of full-time operatives, in fact more than British and the U.S. together. The system, though well informed, is inefficient. At least 60 major organisations are engaged in this work, and they combine strategic with tactical intelligence. Their chief deficiency lies in coloured information submitted by competitive over-zealous operatives and by conflicting evaluations at high level.

The so-called "B-Branch," of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union is the top-level agency which acts as Intelligence Service for the Politburo Section XII Affairs (headed by Beria) combines international intelligence with counter-intelligence work. The Ministry of Armed Forces has its own organisation, with Military and Naval Intelligence sections and Soviet Military and Naval Attaches recruiting and supervising agents throughout the world. It was probably members of this group who stole the atom bomb secret from the U.S. or Canada.

Economic Intelligence (one of the major functions of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade) works through Commercial Attaches, trade delegations and such quasi-independent agencies as Amtorg in the U.S.

The chief political intelligence department of the Soviet Union is a section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and consists of two branches: one is the official Tass News Agency whose functions outside the Soviet Union consist far more of collecting reports, surveys, even gossip, and relaying them to its headquarters in Moscow than in conventional journalism, while evaluation and dissemination is done by the so-called Joint Committee for Administration of Foreign Information (once headed by Maxim Litvinov).

Chief of Soviet Diplomatic Intelligence and chief co-ordinator of Soviet political intelligence is the former Soviet Consul-General in New York, Yakov M. Lomakin, while highest ranking Soviet intelligence Officer is Lt.-General P. M. Fitin. The Cominform maintains its own intelligence, but within the Russian network.

U.S. methods

Contrary to the Russians, the American intelligence service, not use diplomatic covers, employs a relatively small number of operatives and is confined to openly identified Government agencies.

Head of the Army Intelligence is the Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall. Major-General Stafford LeRoy Irwin, the head of Naval Intelligence is Rear Admiral Thomas Inglis. Outstanding U.S. intelligence organisations are the Navy's Communication Intelligence and Army's "A-2," an air force matter, the latter headed by Major General C. P. Cabell. Nominally superimposed on all intelligence organisations is the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), with Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter as Director. Within the framework of Anglo-American co-operation, C.I.A. regards itself as a junior partner, following the lead of the much older and more experienced British intelligence, and confines its activities to the task assigned it by the Congress.

The "British Intelligence Service"—though there exists no agency so named—has for decades been regarded as having reached perfection in international intelligence and has given inspiration to scores of similar organisations. In reality Britain has several major independent intelligence organisations, loosely co-ordinated by a special Cabinet Committee. The most important is the Foreign Intelligence Division of the Foreign Office; its active chief is always the Permanent Under-Secretary of State at present Sir William Strang. The PID is a scientific organisation and uses overt techniques, such as press analysis, radio monitoring etc. It publishes an excellent daily "Political Intelligence Weekly" for the briefing of policy makers. Secret Intelligence is the responsibility of the Joint Intelligence Bureau, under the expert leadership of Major-General Kenneth W. D. Strong. It is a section of the Ministry of Defence and provides intelligence for Cabinet and Imperial General Staff.

WHEN MARGARET WORE ANKLE-STRAP SHOES

A little over a year ago Scottish shoe retailers were worried. They had a lot of ankle-strap shoes on their hands. In spite of the fashion trend women and girls would not buy this particular style, and stocks looked like being a dead loss.

Then Princess Margaret went to Scotland for the Edinburgh Festival. She wore ankle-strap shoes. Her picture appeared in the papers wearing them.

Almost the next day queues started forming outside the shoe shops. The demand for ankle-strap shoes was overwhelming. Margaret had proved to be a real Fairy Princess for the shoe-keepers.

And at the same time the Princess made the first step in her ambition to become a leader of fashion. The Princess was pleased.

Flair for style

She is 19 and although yet too young to be a leader of fashion in the fullest sense she has done much to interpret styles.

Nearly five years ago she decided she had a flair for style. Proudly she showed her parents a sketch of a pink-and-white organdie dress with a white hat trimmed with pink she had designed.

There was nothing sensational in the creation. Its colouring was ideally suited to that of the young Princess. She wanted the dress made up. In spite of remonstrances that the position of fashion leader was not one to which a Princess should aspire, she got the frock.

"After all," she said to a close friend when telling of the incident in after years, "I don't want to remain a suet pudding all my life."

That was perhaps the first occasion on which she demonstrated that if she believed it right she would have her own way.

Today every detail of everything she wears sets the Transatlantic cables humming. And she knows it. Style at public functions (and often private parties) have style tipsters watching) note what she wears. What Princess Margaret wore last night is tomorrow's news in America. Adapted there, her clothes become the teen-agers' dream.

"Has definite ideas"

"Princess Margaret is the most important figure in the young fashion world," one leading stylist told me. "She has a decided flair for dress and colour and definite ideas of her own. She is unlike many of the people round her, who seem to wear just what is put on them."

"She makes mistakes, of course, we all do; but she knows what she wants and she gets it."

The little 5ft. 2in. Princess is no fairy-book figure. She is in everything determined. Many of her friends have willed under the lash she can produce from a sharp tongue when roused; but they remain friends.

Some of the things she does cause heartburning in the Court. Her behaviour does not always meet with the fullest approval. And again she knows it. But, working hard publicly she reckons she is entitled to play equally hard.

The so-called Division of Naval Intelligence (D.N.I.) is regarded as the world's best informed naval intelligence service. The best known branch of Military Intelligence is M.I. 6, an efficient counter-intelligence organisation which—during the last war—succeeded in keeping the number of alien spies in Britain to an astonishing minimum.

So far the details of the "United Nations World" survey, the battle of wits, routine and money continues. Engaged in it are anonymous, highly qualified, danger-defying operatives. It is they who—in peace-loving democratic countries—work for the prevention of war by rubbing the prospective adversary of his secrets. On their success or failure the welfare and life of millions may depend. And the work they do is more thrilling than the most sensational action. But less—much less—known.

It is during her "playtime" that she has come in for most of the behind-the-scenes, censure for behaviour not becoming to a member of the Royal Family. Her love of late nights and the haunts of the West End have brought her to task more than once, but she saw no need for "repentance" and the visits have continued.

Mimicry, always one of her high-spirited attributes, has not always been passed off as a joke.

"Diplomatic" cold

On the royal South African tour the gift resulted in her detention for two days in the royal train with a "diplomatic" cold.

Standing behind the royal party she closely copied and exaggerated the gestures of a prominent citizen presenting a loyal address.

Many people say her including the King. The "cold" followed.

Today she still exploits that gift but uses it a little less publicly.

"She can and does put on a remarkable cabaret act," I was told. "Asked to perform she will seat herself at the piano and, vamping her accompaniment, sing hill-billy songs in a pleasing voice."

"Buttons and Bows" is one of her real favourites. Her impression of Dinah Shore amounts almost to plagiarism. She can keep it up for an hour with the drawing and nasal twang in true character.

"She's not up to West End cabaret standards, but on the provincial stage she could easily cash £15 a week with this act."

"It's so perfect it almost seems rehearsed."

The Princess likes to explore the smaller West End restaurants and insists on taking parties to new discoveries. When she visits these restaurants she knows what she wants and gets it.

Said on head waiter yesterday: "We've had practically all the possible royalty and ex-royalty here. The least trouble always surrounds Princess Elizabeth. What a delight it is to serve her."

"Princess Margaret has the staff on their toes. The cocktails must be just right; the champagne her favourite brand and the food perfect."

Knows her job

From dance bands she asks for her favourite tunes and some that she chooses stumpy the players, for they are hits not yet published here and only to be heard over the air on short-wave radio sets.

In performing them a band is breaking stringent copyright regulations.

Little make-up in the palace but far more outside, too has caused the older Court officials to whisper and comment.

But, argues the Princess in effect, this is 1949. I am of age. I am doing my job and I am entitled to behave as if I was living in this century.

Times are changing. In a year the Princess at 20 will achieve greater freedom. Many people fear an even greater kicking over the traces will follow. Their fears are likely to be groundless. The Princess knows her job. She can be paradoxically selfless. In the spotlight, she can play her part with grace and dignity.

One last story indicates the two sides to her character.

The scene is her first unescorted public function, a launching in Belfast in October 1947.

The public eyes are on her. Privately the Court watched. Would the Princess do something startling?

The launching complete, a young dock worker in overalls presents a bouquet.

Impetuously the Princess breaks off a flower from the bunch and quickly slips it into his overall top.

She had passed her test.

More travel hope

She frequently talks of her family, of whom she is inordinately fond. To her in conversation the King is always Papa and the Queen Mummy. Princess Elizabeth is Millie.

"She hopes in her greater freedom to travel far more. 'Now that the ice is broken,' she said after her return from Italy, 'I want to go abroad much more. It won't be quite so difficult now that I have made this trip. I shall follow it up.'"

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The Swiss Federal Councillor Dr. Max Petitpierre (right) shows Soviet General Nikolai W. Slawin where to place his signature as he signs the Geneva agreement for the protection of war victims during a ceremony in Bern, Switzerland. Ukrainian and White Russian delegates also signed on behalf of their states. (Associated Press Photo).

Russians celebrating birthday of Stalin

London, December 20.

A vast hoard of tribute—from Russia, from friend and from the conquered—was piled up at the Kremlin tonight as birthday gifts to Premier Joseph Stalin, who is 70 on Wednesday. Communist China, whose Mao Tse-tung is in Moscow for the celebration, sent rare books and silk banners.

Thousands of parcels and crates, trainloads of merchandise, whole exposition halls of trinkets and pictures, factories and socks, books and horses, toys, delicacies and cars were funnelled toward Moscow from the Elbe to China, from the Arctic to the Black Sea.

The flood of adulation was as high. Honours, pledges of special work, five-foot shelves of books of greetings, poems, plays, music and portraits dedicated to him, mountains and cities named for him, all these were heaped at the feet of the giant of Communism.

No one man could ever use all the gifts, or read all the letters. Probably to one man could ever distribute them.

For weeks the Communist Press and radio has been reporting the rivalry of Communist leaders everywhere to contribute imposing tokens to Premier Stalin on the three score and ten anniversary.

What it is all worth is anyone's guess, but certainly millions of dollars.

Millions of plaques

Millions of Soviet citizens are tonight completing preparations to celebrate the birthday of Stalin, described in the Press and radio as "Father of the workers" and "Leader in the cause of peace."

A million portraits of Stalin have been issued, 500,000 copies of his biography printed and 2,000,000 celebration placards distributed throughout Moscow and towns and villages. Music publishers have brought out special editions of more than 40 songs and all theatres have planned special performances.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, has invited the heads of all Embassies and missions in Moscow to a great birthday reception.

Newspapers and radio throughout the Soviet Union carried messages of greetings and praise for Stalin.

Typical was this ode: "If Stalin is with us, truth is with us. If Stalin is with us strong are we. If Stalin is with us bravely flies the banner of a happy, powerful and sunny country."

The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," greeted the Generalissimo in an article headed "Father Of The Working People Of The World."

"Hope and pride"

In the Soviet trade union newspaper "Trud," M. P. De Leup, General Secretary of the French Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, described Stalin as "the hope and pride of the whole of working mankind" in an article conveying birthday greetings.

In Moscow and throughout the Soviet Union art exhibitions have been planned to mark the anniversary.

Reuter correspondents in other centres gave these reports of birthday celebrations:

Prague: In Prague and other cities and villages and along the roads pictures of Stalin from miniatures and busts to portraits with 20 foot-long moustaches have been put up in preparation for birthday celebrations.

Stalin looks enormously down Wenceslas Square in Prague from a canvas covering three storeys and a bit of the Bohemian Museum.

Bucharest: Workers throughout Rumania have been working "shifts of honour" to fulfil their production targets by Stalin's birthday.

The idea began among a group of miners and spread throughout industry.

Order of Lenin

Berlin: Huge portraits of Stalin decorate public buildings in Eastern Berlin tonight and work is going on late into the night.

Washington: The Russian Embassy here will hold a small informal diplomatic party tomorrow afternoon to celebrate Marshal Stalin's birthday.

Moscow Radio has announced that the Supreme Soviet has awarded the Order of Lenin to Marshal Stalin. An official citation said that the Order of Lenin was awarded to Marshal Stalin in connection with his 70th birthday, "taking into account his exceptional services in the consolidation and development of the Soviet Union, the building of Communism in our country, the organization of the destruction of the German Fascist invaders and the Japanese imperialists, and the rehabilitation and fur-

Thai to buy rolling stock from Japan

Bangkok, December 20.

The Government of Thailand decided today to buy \$4,000,000 worth of new railway rolling stock from Japan.

Action was taken by the Cabinet after studying bids from manufacturers in nine countries.

The purchase will be made under a trade arrangement recently negotiated with a mission from General Douglas MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters.

Purchase orders will be placed for 50 locomotives, 20 passenger coaches and 600 freight cars. Under the trade agreement, Japan promises delivery within four years.

Associated Press.

Other development of Soviet economy in the post-war period.

The decree was signed by the President, M. Nikolai Shvernik.

Moscow Radio also announced that five to 10 world prizes would be awarded each year on Marshal Stalin's birthday.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, congratulated Stalin today on reaching the age of 70.

"On my own behalf, and on behalf of my country," said Mr. Nehru in a message to Marshal Stalin. "I send Your Excellency on your birthday our cordial good wishes for your long life."

The Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, today cabled Marshal Stalin birthday congratulations, saying: "Please accept congratulations and best wishes, personal as well as of the Government and people of Israel. May long life and good health be granted to you and success in all your undertakings for economic, cultural and social progress of your country and international co-operation in the cause of peace."

It is understood all the Western diplomatic missions, including the American and British, have recommended their governments to despatch congratulations.

Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

POPE'S BROADCAST

Vatican City, December 20. The Pope's Christmas message in response to greetings by the College of Cardinals will be broadcast over the Vatican radio at 11.00 a.m. (GMT) on Friday, the newspaper "Osservatore Romano" announced today.

Vatican radio will broadcast translations of the speech in 16 languages.

Associated Press.

NECESSARY FACTORS IN DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE UNIONISM

London, December 20.

A fair standard of education among workers and the control of unions by the workers themselves at all stages are indispensable factors in the healthy and successful development of the trade union movement in a country. This is according to Mr. P. S. Arumugam, Assistant Labour Commissioner of the Indian Ministry of Labour.

PLANE SABOTAGE THEORY

London, December 21.

The question of sabotage was very carefully considered in a searching inquiry into the disappearance of the Tudor airliner Star Ariel between Bermuda and Kingston, Jamaica, on January 17 with 13 passengers and a crew of seven, it was announced today.

Air Commodore Vernon Brown, Chief Inspector of Accidents to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, said in his report, issued today: "While the possibility of the planting of an infernal machine cannot, of course, be entirely eliminated, it can be said that no evidence has been found to suggest that sabotage had anything to do with the loss of the aircraft."

The Star Ariel was owned and operated by the British South American Airways Corporation. The report said that through lack of evidence, as no wreckage was found, the cause of the accident was unknown.

The last signal from the aircraft was at 1.42 p.m. on January 17. It informed Bermuda that the aircraft was changing to another frequency.

Air Commodore Brown stated in his report that the fact that the captain did not re-establish communications with Bermuda after failure to contact Kingston or any other Caribbean station must be assumed to have been because of his inability to do so.

Reuter.

MUSSO TREASURE MYSTERY

Milan, December 20.

The trial of 30 people on charges of complicity in the disappearance of Mussolini's treasure was indefinitely postponed today.

The accused, most of them former partisans, were to have appeared before the Como Assizes in February. The trial was expected to provide some of the answers to the greatest mystery of post-war Italy—what happened to Mussolini's loot, valued at the equivalent of \$22,000,000, which vanished after the escaping dictator was killed on the shores of Lake Como.

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CLASH IN INDIA

Calcutta, December 20.

Two were killed and several injured in an attack by a village mob estimated at several hundred on a party of police about 80 miles from Calcutta today.

The trouble is said to have been caused by the arrest by the police of a wanted Communist leader. The villagers attacked the police with scythes and bamboo sticks.

Associated Press.

Mr. Arumugam has just completed a study tour of this country on a United Nations scholarship, studying industrial welfare and industrial relations.

He has visited a score of industries in various parts of the country studying over four months the working of British trade unions and the relations between employers and employees in the various industries.

Giving his impressions to Reuters, Mr. Arumugam said: "The success of the British trade union movement is mainly due to the high literary standard of labour in the country, the absence of the important role played by the human element in production."

He said that though the system of compulsory education and encouragement by scholarships of technical and higher education among the ordinary workers, the literacy and indeed the general knowledge, outlook and political consciousness of the workers are so high that the workers not only fight for their rights but are alive to their responsibilities.

An important feature of the trade union movement in Britain is that anyone who had worked in any industry for at least two or three years could become an official of a union.

Employers' role

Most of the officials of district or regional trade union organizations had worked their way through local or branch unions. The central organizations also ensure training facilities for members and officials in the work of the union.

Realising the importance of the human element in production, employers do their best to provide welfare amenities, facilities for higher education and health and pension schemes.

They also help to build the union along healthy lines by proper legislation for regulating employer-employee relations in private industries and adopting similar arbitration methods for labour employed by them.

Even the civil servants and white-collar workers of the Government are organized in Whitley Councils.

Mr. Arumugam said: "This healthy growth of trade unionism in Britain today means that the present Government is manned largely by men who have been active trade unionists."

MANSTEIN GOES TO PRISON

Hamburg, December 20.

Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein left the British Military Hospital here early today by car for Werl Prison near Hamm, in the Ruhr, to be handed over to the penal branch of the British Control Commission.

Confirmation of Manstein's 18 years' imprisonment sentence will shortly be investigated by the legal staff attached to the Commander-in-Chief of the British Rhine Army.

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TEXTILE MISSION TO JAPAN

Manchester, December 20.

Leaders of the Lancashire cotton industry today approved a plan to send an Anglo-American industry mission to investigate the revival of the Japanese textile industry.

Sir Raymond D. Street, Chairman of the meeting here and leader of the party which returned from New York last week after talks with American textile chiefs, wired the decision to the United States.

Both British and American textile leaders have been concerned about competition from Japanese mills, which have a cheaper labour supply than is available in Britain and the United States.

There also have been expressions of concern on both sides of the Atlantic over General Douglas MacArthur's recent decision to drop "floor prices" on Japanese exports.

Both Britons and Americans are waiting for their Governments to approve the project for an investigation mission to proceed to Tokyo. They also want assurances that facilities will be provided for visiting Japanese mills and to investigate the revival of the industry.

Associated Press.

NIGERIA RIOT INQUIRY

Enugu, December 20.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Eric Ormiston, today told the Commission investigating the recent Nigerian disorders that the striking miners continued advancing towards the ranks of the armed police.

(During the disorders 20 miners were killed by police fire).

He said that the police had fired when the miners were three or four yards away. "The miners broke and ran. The firing went on for a few minutes but it was not a continuous fire."

"I shouted the cease fire above the noise."

He counted 14 bodies. Three of these appeared to be dead.

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News snippets round the world

Revealing light is thrown this week on the work of the German Evangelical Church in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

The restrictions on the work of the church, Antony Terry reports have been described by Bishop Dibelius who preaches weekly in the Soviet sector and is outspoken in his criticisms of the authorities.

At a Munich Press conference the Bishop said that though divine worship could be carried on without interference from Soviet authorities in their zone, they did their best to stamp out such communal religious works as youth organisations.

On the other hand, the German Communist-run Socialist Unity Party exert direct anti-religious pressure, even to the extent of pulling down bomb-damaged churches and rebuilding them as houses, without any authority from the Russians or the German "Eastern Government."

Control is also exercised over the selection of theological students, whose "political" suitability for the post is vetted by the Communists to such an extent that many universities cannot get enough students.

Chinese view

Bright young Chinese school children in Singapore recently surprised their teachers by voting in the course of a school debate that honesty is not the best policy.

Leslie Smith writes that when St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's Church schools held their annual debate, choosing the theme that "Honesty is not the best policy," the audience decided that every one could not live honestly in the world and passed the motion unanimously.

When the gathering had taken up the children found that their view had been supported from an unexpected quarter.

While they were talking someone had robbed their cloakroom of clothing, money and small valuables to the value of about £40.

First time

When Major-General Murray, who commands the 1st Infantry Division in Tripoli, paid an official call on Rear Admiral Thomas S. Combs, Commanding Carrier Division 1 in the visiting American carrier Leyte, he made British military history, and possible American

Navy history as well, by taking the salute from a helicopter hovering off the carrier's port beam, writes Frederick Hudson from Tripoli.

Because of the swell the launch was unable to get alongside and the General took off in the carrier's helicopter from nearby Wholes Field base for the United Air Force in North Africa.

On his departure from the Leyte he was decorated a major-general's salute and acknowledged it while hovering a few feet from the ship's side.

This is believed to be the first time a British general has taken a salute from the air.

Homage

During the visit of units of the U. S. Mediterranean Fleet to Tripoli, homage was paid to five American Navy heroes who were killed in action a hundred and forty-five years ago.

The graves of the five sailors have only just been discovered in the old Protestant Cemetery on the shores of Tripoli.

From the records American officials discovered that two sailors were killed when the U.S.S. Intrepid, equipped as a "floating powder barrel," was sailed into Tripoli harbour by thirteen volunteers who had instructions to blow her up in the harbour as a cause as much damage as possible.

There was a premature explosion just inside the harbour, and the Intrepid went down with all hands.

The remembrance ceremony included a march-past by a large contingent of marines and sailors, wreaths were placed on the graves, a short service was held, the "Last Post" was sounded, and a volley was fired over the heroes of a century and a half ago.

Hollywood moves

Hollywood is moving to Mexico City.

This is the latest plan of the film companies in their efforts to reduce costs.

Cecil Clark reports that a number of pictures starring Hollywood actors and actresses will be made in Mexico in the near future.

The principal reason for this change of location is the low cost of filming in Mexico as compared with Hollywood. Wages paid to extras are far lower than those paid in the States.

Shooting "on location" outside studios is also much cheaper and

Not for Christmas



This is one white turkey cock which will not appear on any Christmas table this year. He is far too valuable, being used for breeding to meet such an ignominious end. Mr. H. G. J. Wilshire of London is examining the lucky bird at the National Poultry Show at Olympia. (AP Photo).

Wry smiles

Advertisements in a New York paper offering to supply "friends and relations in Britain with Scotch Whisky direct from the distillery in Scotland" have caused considerable amusement in Copenhagen.

The Danes have suffered from "rationed and unobtainable goods for dollars" for several years. More than a dozen shops in the centre of Copenhagen display Scotch whisky, cigarettes, bananas, canned pineapple and peaches, rice, olives, chocolate and coffee.

A notice in the window explains that these goods are available for foreigners who

have friends or relations in the United States who send dollar cheques accompanied by "gift letters."

Want makes the Danes particularly bitter is that many of the goods offered in such shops are bought for sterling, and others, such as chocolate, butter, and nylon, are made in Denmark.

The Danes are now wondering whether Britain will be invaded by such shops.

Complications

Britain is not the only country having trouble with the expense of a national health scheme.

From Vienna, Ritchie McEwen writes that the Austrian authorities are finding the cost of supplying free medicines so expensive that the Government has decided to start its own chemist's shop in Vienna to cut down overheads.

Why Australia turned right

By G. Ward Price

Public opinion at popular levels is best perceived in pubs. These in Australia are even more austere and uncomfortable than most British bars.

There's a damp, generally oval, country across which patrons of the sagoon and public departments face each other drinking beer at the odd price of 6½d. a half pint, which in British currency is less than 1d.

It was at a series of such establishments that I sought today in some of the working-class districts of Melbourne an explanation of why Labour lost the general election.

"I had always voted Labour," said a respectably dressed man of about 50 who told me he was a process worker, "but not this time. I'd just got my petro coupons—12 gallons a month. What good is that to me? Menzies has said he will get us more petrol. That's enough for me."

"Have you got a car?" I asked.

"Motoring counts."

"Of course—most working men in Australia have," was the answer. "And those who haven't can generally get the use of a utility truck at week-ends if they've got the petrol. You could always buy it at a price—which shows it's there—in why shouldn't we have the use of it?"

Motoring, in fact, counts for more with Australian wage-earners than with the British. A five-day week opens up for them the manifold sporting and recreational attractions of bush and beach provided they have transport to reach them, and with the high wages prevailing here most of the younger workers have money to spend on week-end jaunts into the country.

"What brought about the swing-over in the Labour vote?" I asked another bar-room contact. He was wearing what is called a "T-shirt," or sleeveless cotton singlet, which fully revealed his powerful muscular development, and the grime on his hands testified to hard manual labour.

"Who says there was a swing-over?" he countered in rather painful tones. "Look here, there's 45 per cent of Australians that'll always vote Labour, see? And about the same amount that votes the other way. It's the 10 per cent of people who make up their minds at the last minute that put the Liberals in."

"But why did they vote for Labour three years ago, and against Labour at this election?" I inquired.

Another man joined in. "It's the young fellows and girls between 21 and 23," he said. "They're earning so much money that they're restless, and they were scared by all the talk about nationalisation because they thought it would mean fewer chances of good jobs. If State ownership were to reduce competition."

"Why, where I work there are lad porters of 19 getting £10 a week. They live at home and pay their parents £1 a week for board. They grumble about income tax."

"They won't stand for controls or any kind. They call it being pushed around. Life's so easy for them that they've no idea of the hard times their fathers went through, and how the Labour Party had to fight for better conditions."

"It's the white-collar workers who have swung this election," said one of the leading Labour Party officials on whom I called. "Their salaries haven't gone up to the same extent as the wages of the artisan and they're hard-hit by the rising cost of living."

Women felt it most, and their votes have helped put us out."

"That's what we had the doctors against us. Why? I can tell you," he exclaimed bitterly. "They don't want to be paid by the State because the doctors are in the Black Market like everyone else, so they opposed our proposal that they should look to the Government for half of their fees, and they scared their women patients into believing that under Labour's Public Health Scheme details of their ailments would be put on record for any Government clerk at Canberra to see."

Heads of families have told me that what counted with them in favour of the Liberals was that party's promise to increase the children's pension by making it available for the first child. At present each child after the first entitles the parents to draw 10s. a week. The Liberal Party has promised 5s. a week for the first child also and will make it 10s. if the Arbitration Court reduces the present basic wage of 50 4s. a week, which is calculated on the needs of a married couple with one child, and in almost all trades is considerably exceeded by wage competition.



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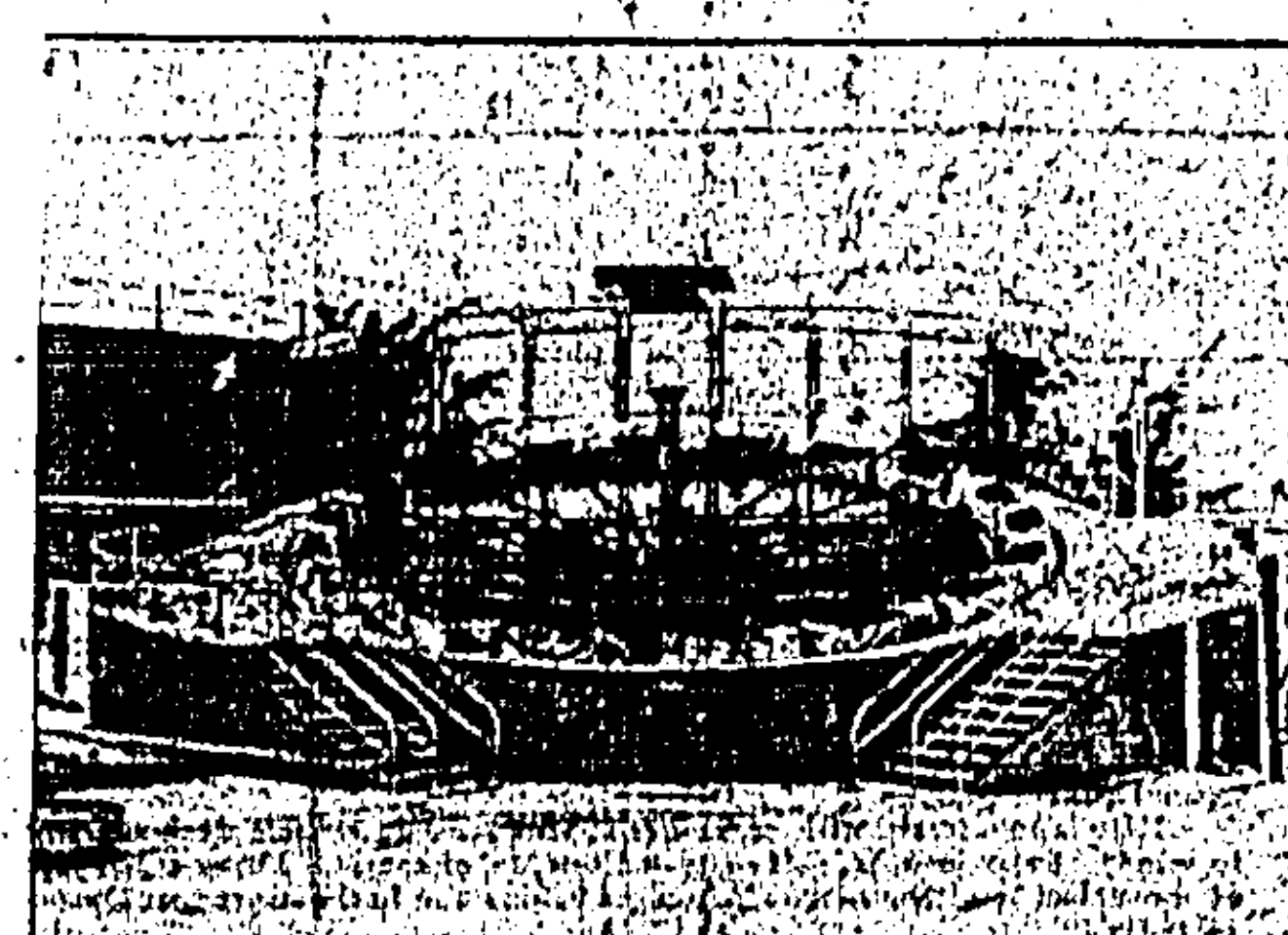
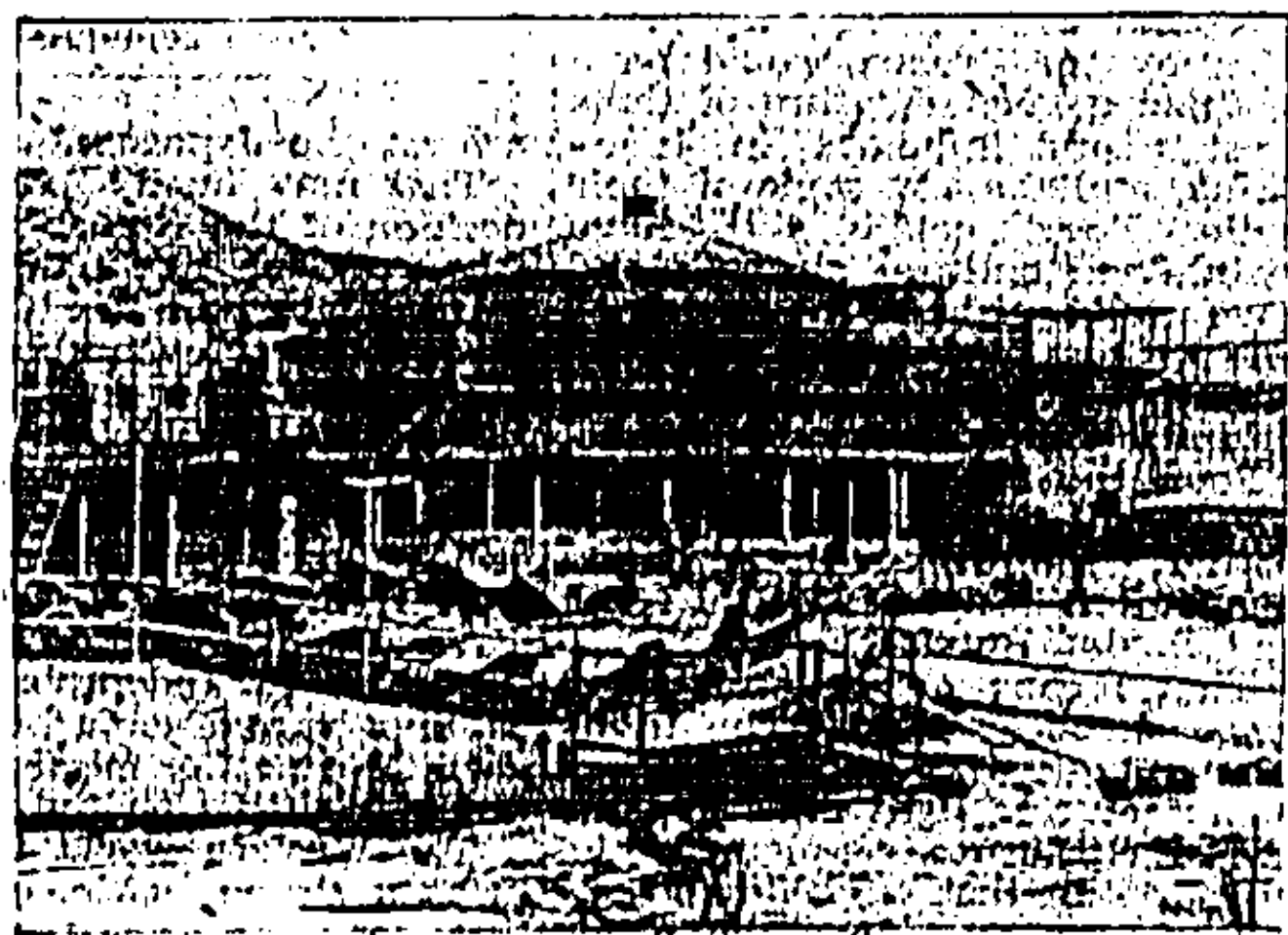
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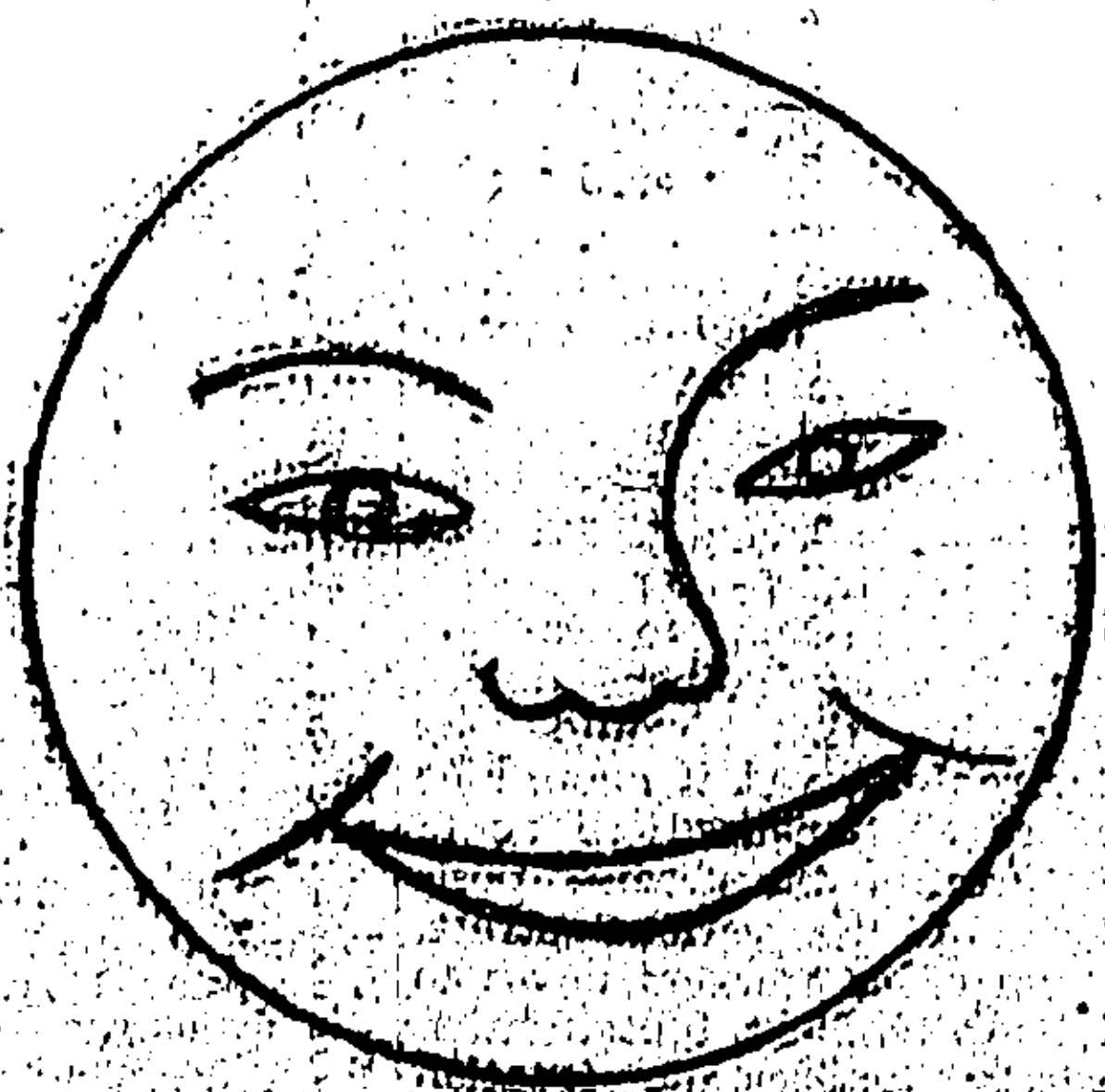
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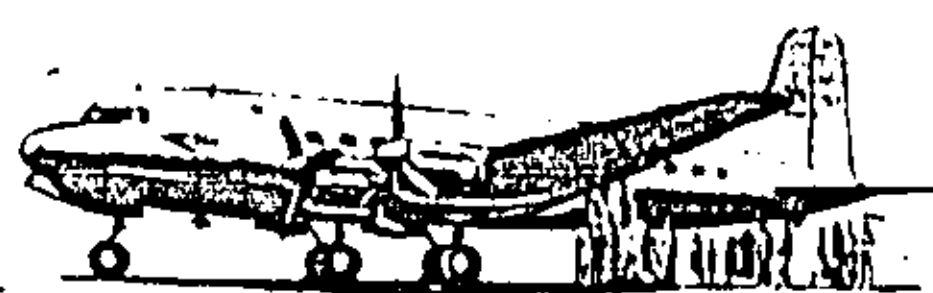
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THE INTERNAL FRONT

The offer of the Hong Kong Commissioner of Labour to mediate in the dispute between the workers and management of the Tramways has averted a threatened rupture. It has also done something to allay the rising tension among the workers and the nervousness of the public, recently reflected in the run on certain emergency articles in the shops.

But this is merely one of several disputes, actual or potential. An accumulation of deadlocks and delays might well have serious results. In the end, of course, each particular dispute will have to be settled in strict relation to the autonomous position of the utility or industry concerned. Some concern are doing well as a result of the present conditions, others not so well. The overall situation, however, has issues of principle, precedent, and even machinery in common, and all have to be considered within the framework of an emergency which has no real geographical or political boundaries. There has also been a swing in labour circles toward what is often mis-called a forward policy.

The issues of principle are most important of all. One of them was well put by a correspondent who argued that the best way out of these troubles is not to raise salaries; and thereby increase the cost of living, but to attack the position from the other end and make a solid effort to cut down the cost of living so that salaries may be adequate. There is the question of rents, for example! Perfect control of supply and demand is impossible in the existing crisis conditions. Prices have gone up because of external factors and the immense influx of people from all parts of China. This peculiar position can only be fairly provided for by some special and limited treatment where the conditions of any particular enterprise make it possible. But the general danger of an inflationary spiral—in which the workers always lose—ought at all times to be the governing factor, in both wages and profits.

A month ago the Trades Union Congress in Britain called on workers to make no more wage claims for the present unless the cost of living index rose six points, from 112 to 118. The various Unions were asked to accept a measure of self-discipline for very sound reasons. The tendency toward inflation calls for rigorous restraint on all wage—and dividend—increases. It was well described as a depressing doctrine, but it was modified by the new emphasis on the need to relate wages, wherever practicable, to output.

Higher production is hardly as valid a criterion in Hong Kong as in Britain. But bigger and better business is an adequate substitute in utilities. The trams, for example, seem to be carrying a far greater range of service time than ever before. That is due less to any normal increase than to the temporary overcrowding of the Colony. Emergency provision, with the rigorous restraint on both profit and wage aspects laid down in Britain, ought to be based on a correlation of temporary profit and temporary rise in cost of living. Both are due to overcrowding and other temporary conditions—how temporary none can tell.

They do not react in quite the same way in every utility or industry, of course, but that does not affect the major prin-

Thirty-seven years ago, Albania was freed from Turkish rule.

Recently Mr. Churchill described this incredibly backward Balkan state as one of the danger spots of the hour.

Albania is a most people is a land of bandits, rocks and barren acres, hardly to be taken seriously in a world dominated by so many other problems.

But is it of so little consequence? Do its cloak and dagger politics really count?

The ice is thinner in Albania today than anywhere else in the Balkans, I should say.

Within the past few weeks Enver Hoxha, former tobacco salesman, now ruler of the country, has been reported en route last Moscow—his second visit this year.

And to get there any plan must almost certainly fly across Greek or Yugoslav territory, with a danger of being forced down. Diplomatic observers believe that Hoxha would have made his trip to Moscow by night in a blacked-out plane, and that he would not have gone there at all but for a very good reason.

Before the Tito-Cominform break, Tito used to send wheat and meat to the Albanians, who in return promised crude oil from their wells.

Starvation line

It was also agreed that Albania would be modernized, that she would have roads and railways and that a joint hydro-electric power station for the two countries would be built on Lake Oriznica on the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier.

Today the wheat and other foodstuffs have been cut off, and many Albanians who had left their farms to work on the roads and railway embankments, are on the starvation line.

Sir Charles Peake, British Ambassador in Belgrade, has been over in London during the last few weeks to encourage Britain to buy up any Yugoslav's spare wheat and meat.

Thus, at this moment, Albania is Berlin without the airlift. It has two ports, but little food has been coming in there from the sea since the Russian-controlled territory that the Albanians had to pack up their campaign against the Greeks.

Now the Albanians are very partial to success and inclined to be short-tempered with rulers who fail to deliver the goods.

Last month 37 years ago the Albanians declared their independence from the Turkish Empire, but their present ruler has already allowed 3,000 Russian technicians to enter the country to replace those that the Yugoslavs recalled.

Port declared closed

A few weeks ago the main port of Valona was declared closed to all diplomatic missions—except the Russian.

Every overworked cliché that has been used about the Balkans—including powder-keg flash-point—now applies to Albania, and there are at least three fuses in train.

Starting from the South, you have the fact that Albania is still officially at war with Greece, and the Greeks have old scores to pay off. For a long time they have claimed that the Southern part of Albania really belongs to them.

Then there is Tito, who is determined not to let Albania be used as a Cominform base against him.

Roughly half a million Albanians live in Yugoslavia and are subjects of Tito. The Yugoslav Albanians are more propping border, and could be used to stir up a "union now" campaign within Albania.

Two Free-Albania movements are already being run from outside the country.

Albania, in outlook, has most of its adherents in the Northern half of the country. The other, run by Midhat Frasheri,

operate, which would still operate in the end result. But these abnormal conditions do seem to require special machinery for continuous consultation and readjustment.

To begin with a more comprehensive and detailed cost of living index seems necessary. It ought to include rents among other things, though that would be a problem, and it should be more sectionalised, so as to determine the precise position of the various strata, from office workers down to labourers. Next, the situation surely justifies the creation of a semi-permanent mediating tribunal which, armed with a comprehensive cost of living index, would deal with all disputes as they arise.

Whether it should possess powers of mediation alone, or be given emergency powers to make awards, is a question which requires careful consideration. But Hong Kong confronts no ordinary situation. It is indeed almost unprecedented, and unprecedented measures are required to carry the internal front over this critical period ahead.

ALBANIA IS THE BALANCE POWER IN THE BALKANS

By John Fisher

Southern Albanian landowner, a former Albanian Minister to Athens, is Liberal, and is strong-ly in the South of the country.

And, as if this were not disturbing enough, Albania has fallen out with the Western countries, with whom she might otherwise have made a competition in the same way as Tito has.

She has quarrelled so bitterly with the United States that the Americans are not even represented in Tirana.

Lot of trouble

Britain is still demanding compensation for the damage done by Albanian-laid mines near the Corfu Channel in 1946. All this adds up to a lot of trouble for Albania—and, in fact, makes it seem almost inevitable

that some kind of crack-up will come.

At this moment neither Tito nor Stalin would be likely to intervene directly in what might rapidly become a very dangerous wrangle.

Most probably both sides, Yugoslav and Russian, will play a waiting game.

A situation might then arise in which Hoxha would be unable to keep control of any of the more remote regions of his territory. His authority might eventually be confined to the coastal regions. This development would almost certainly not take either the Western Powers or Tito by surprise, and it can be taken for granted that more than one country has already picked the man they hope to put into power at the earliest suitable opportunity, in Enver Hoxha's place.

You can't feel bored on the Orient Express

By David Lee

There is a shortage of internal spies, jewel-thieves and murderers on this famed trans-European train.

Every cinema-goer (remember "Sleeping Car to Trieste") and every reader of novels, knows what intrigue and bloodshed takes place in the plush-carpeted interiors of these dark-blue sleeping cars as they sway their way across Europe from the Channel to the Black Sea.

Such travellers might find a real-life trip disappointing. The shortage of Mafia Hells and Gentlemen Jim's, however, is compensated by an abundance of good food, wine and interesting (if law-abiding) fellow passengers.

Across France the Orient Express passenger slips vintage champagne, munches chocolate cheeses through Switzerland, enjoys the Italian lakes scenery with a half bottle of Chianti and a sirloin steak and chips.

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A French food salesman, looking for a buyer for 250 tons of sugar, explains with a Gallic sigh to an English acquaintance, "Ah, if it wasn't for your Stafford Cripps, I could send shiploads of tasty food to Britain."

"Don't talk about Sir Stafford," says the attractive Italian opera-singer who gave up Rome sunshine and accepted London's austerity for love when she married an Eighth-army major.

Never so hard

"Life was never so hard in the worst days of the war in Italy as it is in Britain today."

There is an ex-army officer, now a life insurance salesman, who recalls his adventures as an escaped prisoner of war in German-occupied Italy when his own life was not a good insurance risk.

On holiday, he plans to look up the Italian peasants who asked their lives to hide him from the Germans.

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der the mistaken belief that no Briton understands a foreign language, they begin in French to talk of their plans. It seems they are members of a Free Albanian Committee, planning to send agents in Albania to upset Stalin's puppet ruler there, General Hoxha.

This is more like the Orient Express of the films and the paper-backed novel.

Denfeld rejects offer

Washington, December 21.

It was disclosed today that Admiral Louis Denfeld, dismissed Chief of Naval Operations, has formally rejected the post of commander of U.S. naval forces in European waters.

However, Admiral Denfeld has not decided whether to retire from the Navy or to accept some other post.

Admiral Denfeld advised the Secretary of the Navy, Francis Matthews, that, because of his dismissal as Chief of Naval Operations, other nations might not have the respect for and confidence in him which the European commander of the Navy should be given.

He formally rejected the European post in a letter dated last Wednesday. He had already told Mr. Matthews on the previous Saturday of his decision.

Admiral Denfeld said that if he decides to stay on active duty in the Navy he will be glad to accept any assignment by Mr. Matthews "in which the handicaps imposed by recent events will not be present."

On October 27, Mr. Matthews requested President Truman to remove Admiral Denfeld as Chief of Naval Operations, because of the Admiral's stand against unification. President Truman complied, and Admiral Denfeld was given leave to decide whether he would accept the European command offered by Mr. Matthews—United Press.

JAP BELIEF IN GHOSTS

Tokyo, December 21.

That six per cent of the Japanese people still believe in ghosts was the finding of the Education Ministry made public recently. This was the result of a two-year nationwide poll conducted by an agency with the cumbersome title, "Superstition Investigation Committee," which was appointed for the task by the Ministry.

The survey concluded also that 20 per cent of the people believe in the age-old Japanese superstition that foxes and badgers can bewitch or possess human beings. And seven per cent of college graduates are among this number.

Ministry officials are reported to be appalled at the findings.

The French are slipping in Asia

By LESLIE SMITH

Saigon, the capital of Indo-China is a dying city. The inexorable hand of change is upon it. The streets are half empty, there is no trade stirring, and life is unsafe for any European who moves beyond the city limits.

During the night, pro-Communist guerrillas of the national Viet Minh party operate on the outskirts and even within Saigon itself. Recently mortar shells were fired from the other bank of the river at Saigon landing on the city's waterfront at the end of the main shopping thoroughfare, Rue Catinat. Bombs are sometimes thrown in the city after dark, and practically every night one hears the rattling of machine-guns and the thud of grenades.

Like their cousins in Malaya, the Viet Minh guerrillas swiftly merge themselves into the innocent populace at the end of a raid. With the just jungles of Indo-China at their back, it is almost impossible to pursue them.

France has 150,000 troops in Indo-China. Her commanders estimate that they would need a million to restore French rule, but even this might not be enough, think others. It is true that such force could open up the main routes of communication, the railways and roads, and drive the Viet Minh away from the pillage of bayonets that they would form, but this would not suffice. There is bad blood between the French and the peoples of Indo-China, and as soon as the French left a district there would be trouble again.

Hopeless Situation

The situation seems hopeless. A couple of years ago, something might have been done about it. So Frenchmen told me, but now it is too late. Attempts to bolster up Bao Dai, Emperor of Annam, as a French puppet have failed, dismally. Nobody really believes in Bao Dai, even the French, who are slightly apologetic when they refer to him.

France in Indo-China is suffering under a double handicap: lack of ample resources and the burden of an intransigent colonial policy. She has failed to realize the time has come when the peoples of Asia are on the march, and that bugle calls and a battalion of the Foreign Legion are no longer the answer to colonial unrest.

A deal could have been made whereby the French would have retained a good measure of their prestige and influence in Indo-China, and thereby some of their trade. They could still have maintained cultural strength and have relinquished the domination of the area to a local but friendly association. Now the future is indeed black for them.

Soon the forces of Communist China will be on the Indo-China border, affording direct communication between Ho Chi Minh and Soviet Russia.

That means more arms and more encouragement. The Indo-China guerrillas are already manufacturing light arms in their own factories to supplement the big supplies that were once Allied in the country by air by the Allies during the last war for use

against the Japanese. That may finally render the position of the French untenable, who are then likely to be forced to negotiate with the Communist leader, on unfavourable terms.

If Indo-China goes, all her neighbours will be affected. Siam cannot be expected to put up much resistance to Communism without very powerful support from outside. The Dutch have already been forced to come to terms in Indonesia. Malaya is uneasy and disturbed by her own Chinese Communist uprising. India is sitting on the fence. The Western world is going to fight a losing battle in the Far East for quite some time to come yet.

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MACDONALD VISIT TO BANGKOK

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Recognition issue

The Foreign Minister proposed last month that Thailand defer action until after leading nations had made their decision.

The suggestion that a report on the question be prepared for the Cabinet was made by the Premier.

—Associated Press and Reuter.

This contention raises the following legal points:

The Foreign Office is said to be considering the "implications" of the Chinese Nationalists' declared intention of mining Communist-held ports.

Foreign Office spokesmen hinted that there may be no recognition this year. At today's routine press conference they avoided legal questions regarding the matter, saying that they could not be "drawn into it."

The "Evening Standard" reported that Mr. Bevin has assured the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, that he and his 17-mar-

Soviet teachings in Germany

The paper asked: "What shall we do? Shall we counter this action by summing up the historical mention of Christ in reports by Pliny, Tacitus, the Jewish historians Flavius and Josephus, and the Christian Paul? Nobody dares to deny their statements about Christ."—United Press.

TERRORISM IN SAIGON

During the night and early today three grenades were thrown, two in Saigon and one in the neighbouring Chinese town of Cholon. No one was hurt. Two arrests were made.

This new outbreak of terrorism in Saigon, which had been quiet for some time, is thought to be connected with yesterday's third anniversary of the outbreak of fighting between the Vietnamese (Annamese Nationalist Insurgents) and the French.—Reuter.

ASIAN NEED FOR IDEOLOGY

Sources close to the East German regime reported that a gigantic German-Soviet trade agreement is being discussed in Moscow and probably will be signed early in 1950. They said this plan will furnish the food-short Soviet zone with flour, oil and other vegetable fats from the Ukraine plus fodder to build up German cattle stocks.—Reuters and United Press.

Washington, December 20.
President Truman returned to Washington today looking fit and well after a three weeks' holiday in Florida.—Reuter.

The Foreign Office announced today that the Chinese Nationalist Government has warned Britain that it intends to resume outside Communist-heralded ports on the China coast from tomorrow.

A similar notification has been delivered to the United States Government in Washington. Britain is seeking legal opinion before replying.—Reuter.

In Indo-China, a Vietminh radio spokesman predicted victory during the coming year for Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh against the French in Indo-China.

The prediction came on the third anniversary of the armed struggle.

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ENGINEERING PAGE GREAT ADVANCE IN TV TRANSMISSION TECHNIQUE

The London-Birmingham Radio Television Link, which was demonstrated last month by radio engineers of The General Electric Co. Ltd., of England, marks a great advance in television transmission technique, and places Britain right in the forefront of television development.

Indeed, it can now be fairly claimed that nowhere else in the world does there exist a television relay system so technically advanced for continuous public service.

The many new inventions embodied in the Link and the invaluable information gained during its construction will be of the greatest value in designing radio links for other telecommunication projects, such as multi-channel telephone, teleprinter and picture telegraph systems.

Even greater possibilities can be envisaged in their use in establishing communications over desert country, river crossings and even in jungle country, where the nature of the terrain renders virtually impossible the use of more normal modes of communication.

It was in May, 1947 that the contract for the design, manufacture and installation of a radio television link from London to Birmingham was awarded to the GEC of England by the United Kingdom Post Office, which is providing the link for the BBC Midlands Station.

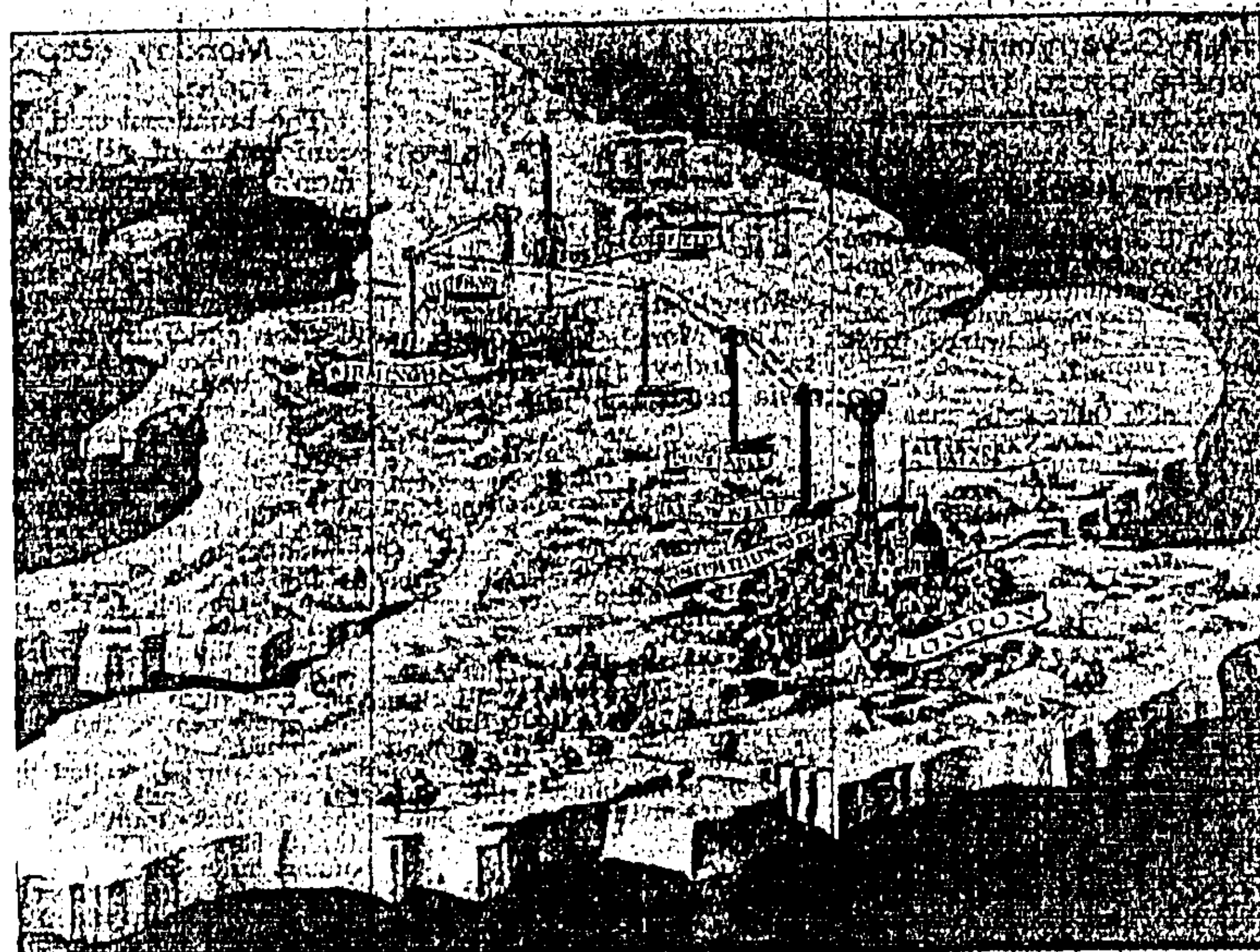
In its simplest terms this London-Birmingham television link may be described as a system of ultra-high frequency radio transmitters and receivers by means of which the London programmes will be relayed to the Midlands. During the next six months further equipment will be installed to enable signals to be sent in both directions. To begin with only one-way traffic will be possible, but this will be reversible.

Process outlined

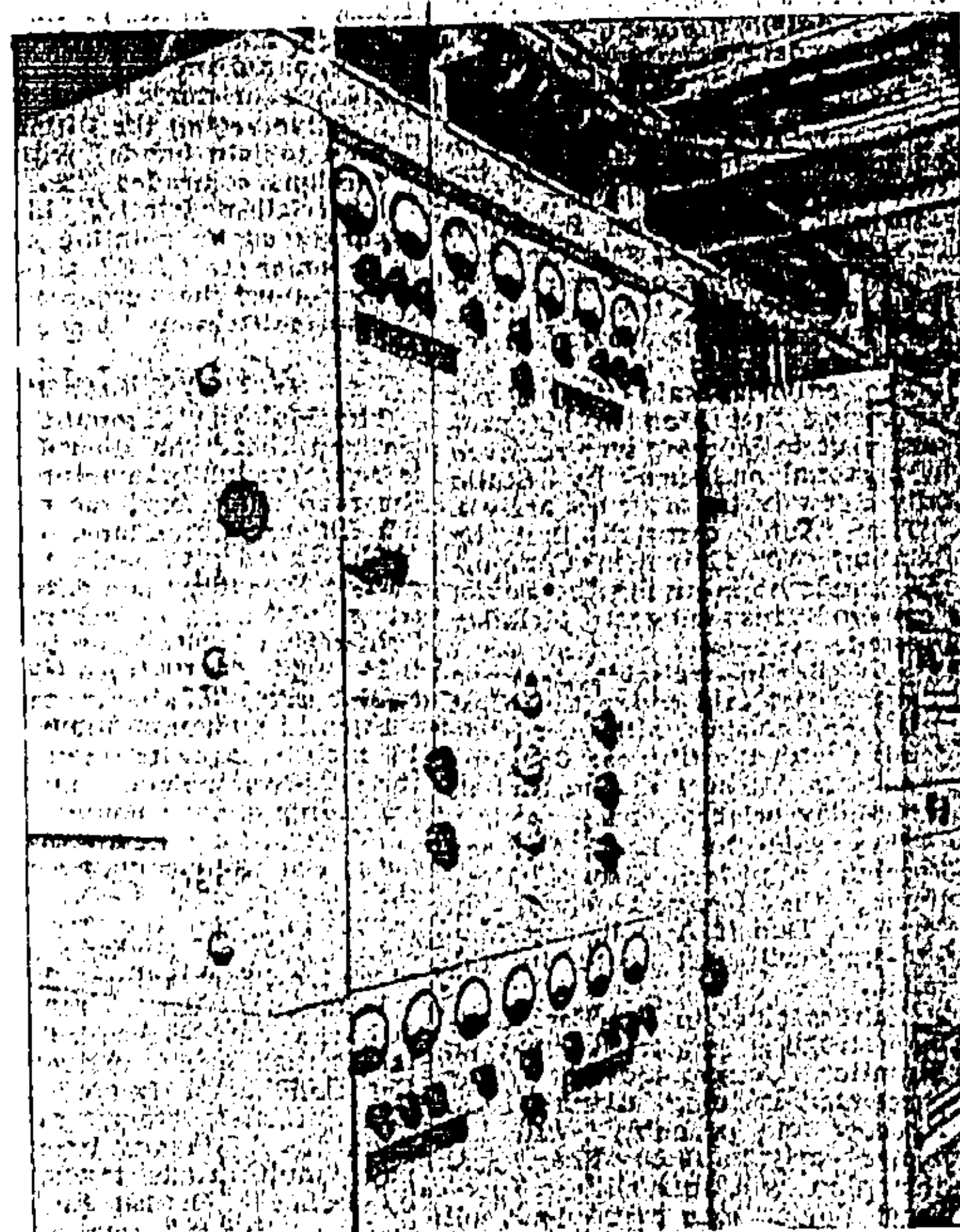
The radio-link comprises six stations—the Museum Telephone Exchange, (London), Harrow Weald, Dunstable, Blackdown (near Charwelton), Rowley Regis (near Birmingham) and finally Telephone House, Birmingham. Each receiver station receives the signal from the previous station, amplifies it and transmits it to the next one. At each amplification the power of the signal is increased 10 million times.

Because UHF (ultra-high frequency) waves follow straight lines each station has to be in sight of those on either side of it; for this reason they are usually situated on hill tops, the aerials being mounted at the summit of a tower so as to obtain extra height. The distance between stations can be anything up to 40 miles, but owing to the natural contours of the land between London and Birmingham some of the stations are no more than 10 or 20 miles apart.

In order to avoid the necessity for relay stations of unduly high



Route of the London-Birmingham television radio relay link.



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There are now about 1,000 women in Britain engaged in responsible engineering work, and it is becoming increasingly the custom for more progressive engineering firms to apprentice girls.

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The first women engineers in Britain were employed during World War I and afterwards there were a sufficient number to form the Women's Engineering Society. World War II gave them opportunities, and after an immediate post-war decline, numbers again began to increase.

A woman engineer was chosen as assistant to the engineer in charge of the building of Sydney Bridge, Australia. The only woman marine engineer was decorated for bravery in World War II.

While they are finding it difficult to obtain employment in the heavier industries, women are making progress in automobile engineering and in chemical work and metallurgy. Some of them concentrate on design, but a number hold posts of a managerial or executive type covering such branches of the work as planning, estimating, factory layout and buying and selling.

power, the signals are directed between stations in the form of a narrow beam.

The signals are transmitted on a wavelength of about 30 centimetres and by reason of their being beamed—and also because of a very complex nature would be needed—has signals are not suitable for reception by the general public.

Only the vision programmes will be sent over the link; the accompanying sound will go over Post Office lines.

Height of towers

The highest aerial towers are at London and Birmingham and are respectively 167 ft. and 198 ft. above street level; each tower weighs about 12 tons.

The use of beaming demands highly directional aerials which are mounted at the top of the towers. They consist of masts, no more than six inches long, mounted within a parabolic reflector formed from light alloy tubes. In order to secure a well-defined radio beam these reflectors, which are 14 ft. across,

have to be constructed to an accuracy of half-an-inch. To prevent their reflecting properties being altered by the formation of ice electric heating wires are provided inside the tubes.

An important feature of the link is that it is entirely automatic in operation. All the relay stations are capable of working almost indefinitely without attention. Should a fault develop, duplicate equipment automatically comes into service, and the control engineers in London and Birmingham are informed by means of signal lights that a fault has occurred and that the stand-by apparatus is in operation.

The television link has been built throughout for a most stringent specification drawn up by Sir Tade Branks, at the office of the Engineer-in-Chief of the United Kingdom Post Office. It being anticipated, amongst other things, that the system shall be capable of extension up to 400 miles.



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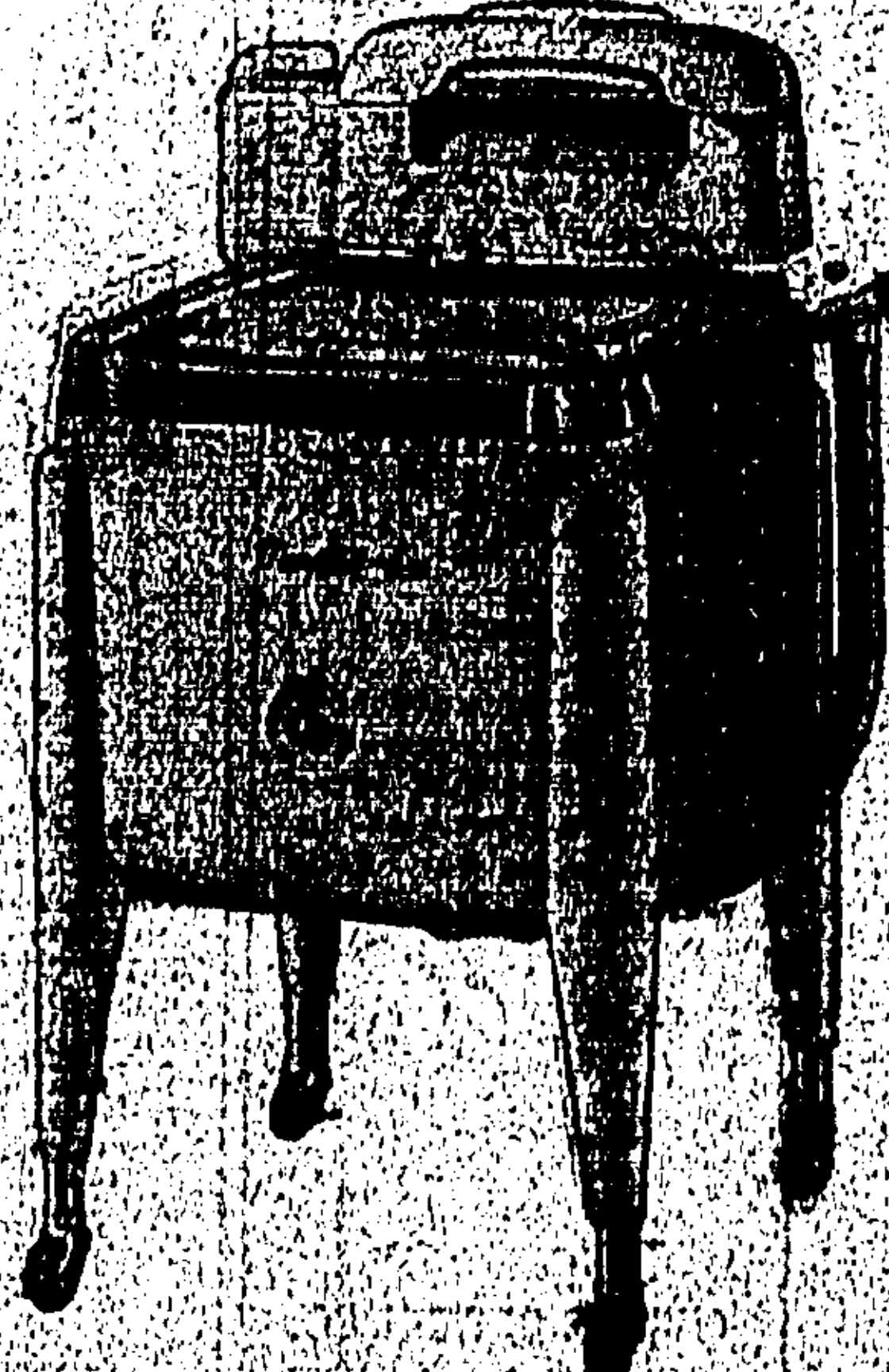
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Political crisis looms in France

workers fighting for better conditions and general improvement of the worker's lot. It is no longer necessary to fight for a 48-hour week because labour in Britain is working 40 or 44 hours a week. Neither is it necessary to fight for

By E.C. Sospow

The social administration in Great Britain at the moment is, perhaps, more advanced than in any other country in Europe, and the Trade Unions can claim a great share in fighting for and achieving this advancement. They are, therefore, at present, concentrating all their efforts on retaining the positions which they

achieved during the years of struggle, and also on keeping up the real wages which they have succeeded in bringing up to a comparatively high standard.

Real issue

The problem of real wages is now the main issue between Trade Unions and the Government. The Trade Unions claim that owing to devaluation the cost of living will go up, and wages therefore would have to be increased. But this in itself would

While the Trade Unions appreciate that the net result of a rise in wages at the moment may affect the country's economy as a whole, they still have responsibility to their members who are pressing for an increase in wages to make up for the losses suffered through devaluation. It would not be an easy task for Trade Union leaders to explain to workers that despite the increase in the cost of living wages should remain stable; it would be hard for them to justify the policy which the Government is

trying to implement, namely: still greater austerity, still harder work, with wages and personal income at the same level as before.

The policy of wage freezing, accepted by the Trade Union Congress at a time when they still believed that the Government would not devalue the pound, is out of date, and the Trade Unions now press for higher wages, especially for the lower-paid workers. Such claims have already been advanced by Rail-

Grave dilemma

would definitely give the Government the support of the Trade Unions during the forthcoming election, but, at the same time, would jeopardise the economic programme of austerity and sacrifice which the Government is preparing as an absolute necessity for balancing the country's economy. No wonder, then, that the whole political machinery, both Labour and Conservative,

Paris, December 20.
The powerful Finance Committee of the French National Assembly, flatly rejected the Cabinet's latest effort to balance the budget tonight.
Twenty votes failed to carry the budget, which has to be adopted at the year's end. It appears that the problem will have to be debated on the floor of the Assembly itself.
No other solution seems possible to avert political convulsions following the dissolution of the lower house. Last effort to come to terms with the Committee.
Fears were expressed in the Assembly tonight, tonight for the continued survival of the Gladstein Cabinet. If the Premier has to stake its future on a vote of confidence on the budget issue. — Associated Press.

SUBMARINE IN WAR OF FUTURE

The submarine's main job in any future war will be the

Momson said: It is inevitable that any enemy would concentrate on destruction of the U.S. fleet. This could be accomplished best, he said, by submarine or air attack, since American and British naval might controls the surface of the sea. Momson said the Navy has much to counter such a threat as it develops; the fastest

New type developed

This submarine has a long-breathier tube known as "schnorkel" that permits it to operate underwater indefinitely at speeds of about 10 knots. It has powerful batteries that permit submerged speeds for long periods of 15 knots.

Monsen said the Navy had converted 24 submarines to the new type known as "Guppies." Two are longer, and faster sub-

"We are using these submarines to train our anti-submarine force

The admiral said the fleet can practice using its latest device for hunting down and destroying submarines on these latest models. "By producing the world

Tasks assigned

destroying enemy submarines. Morrison said, "Two of them will be designed to lie in wait for enemy submarines outside their home ports and the third will seek out enemy submarines to destroy them."

"A submarine on the prowl is committed to movement," Morrison said. "It makes lots of noise."

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My introduction.

"I imagine that he does his act because there is more material reward from trapping pigeons than there is from new philosophies. I am sure the latter is what Charles would be doing, did he follow his true bent and inclination.

"I wassa standing," he says, "looking at da baggage and da fine clothes and da fine boots, and I wassa saying to myself: 'Carlos, you don't get nowhere. You wanna getta da big baggage. You wanna getta da fine

It was then that Carlos saw The Man In The Bowler Hat. He was one of the company. He was sitting there by himself, a little apart from the others, and Carlos noticed that his boots were very ordinary. He had even engaged them to himself. He was intent on mending some part of his equipment. Nobody took any notice of him.

felt a wave of sympathy for this poor chap who seemed to be lower than water than he was himself. Then, the Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Tito, urged his Army to "be ready to build up its 'fighting readiness' in the face of the 'hostile policy' of Russia and the Cominform."

He issued an order of the day stating that "Yugoslav Army will be ready to give powerful support" to a struggle "for the preservation of the freedom and national independence of Socialist Yugoslavia."

There is, I submit, some sharp observation of the human scene in Cezanne's philosophy. Thinking about it, I remembered the first time I was aware of the recurring bowler hat—and from now on it must be used metaphorically.

Like, Carlos, I too was young and foolish enough to imagine myself a painter. At an art school I attended we had the usual extroverted exuberance of costume. We were all determined to look like painters, whatever our work was like. All that is, except the one who was the best painter among us. He dressed, always, neatly and, I formed, rather like a junior clerk in the anxious 19

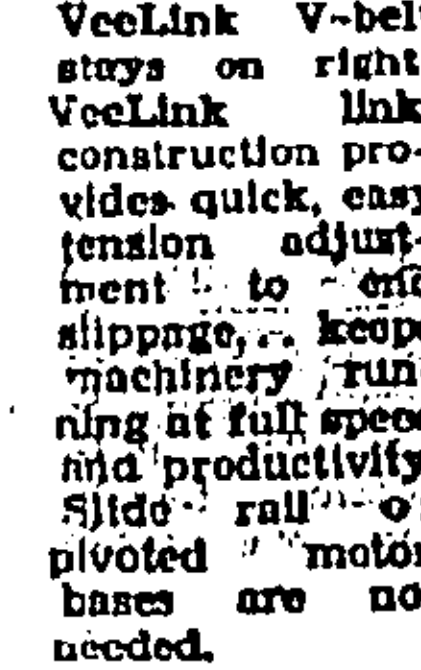
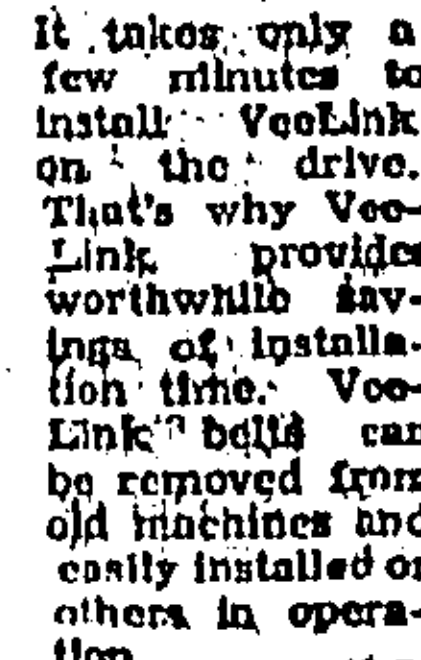
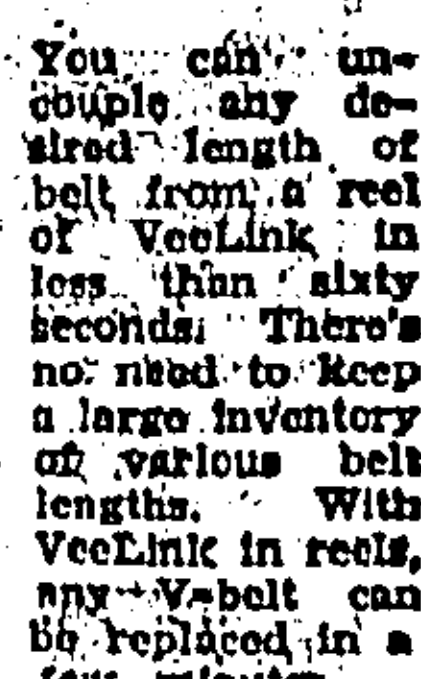
But a submarine killer sub can lie in "wait" with special devices to detect that the sub can then torpedo the enemy sub with torpedoes.

"This type of sub will be like a midget and intelligent mine," Mumson added.

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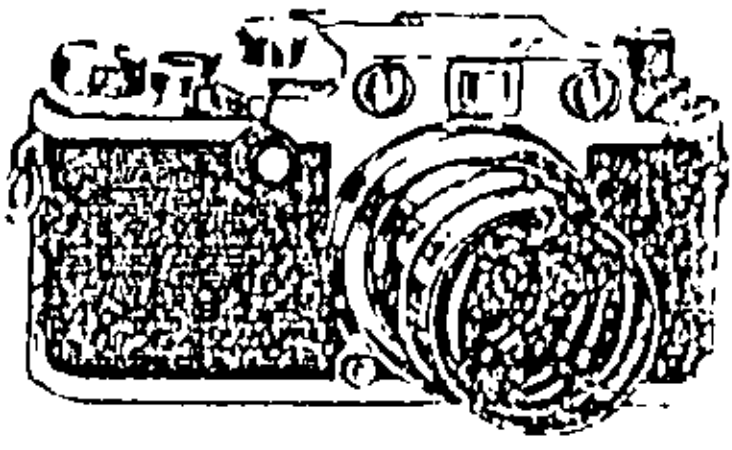
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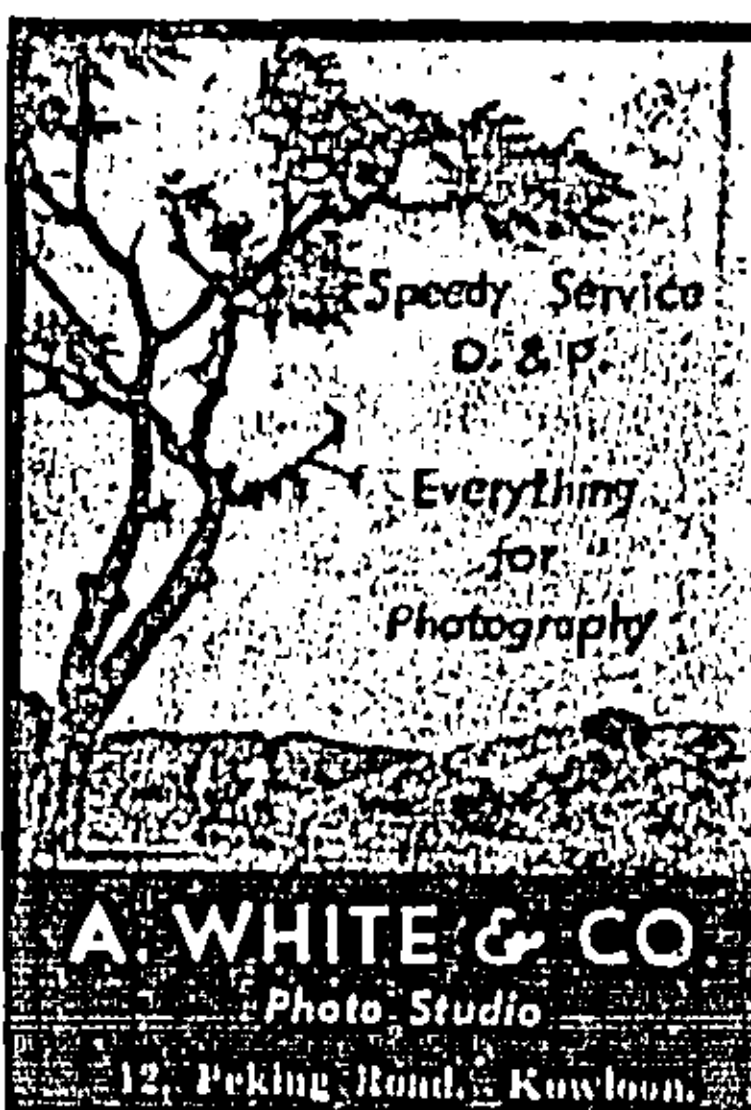
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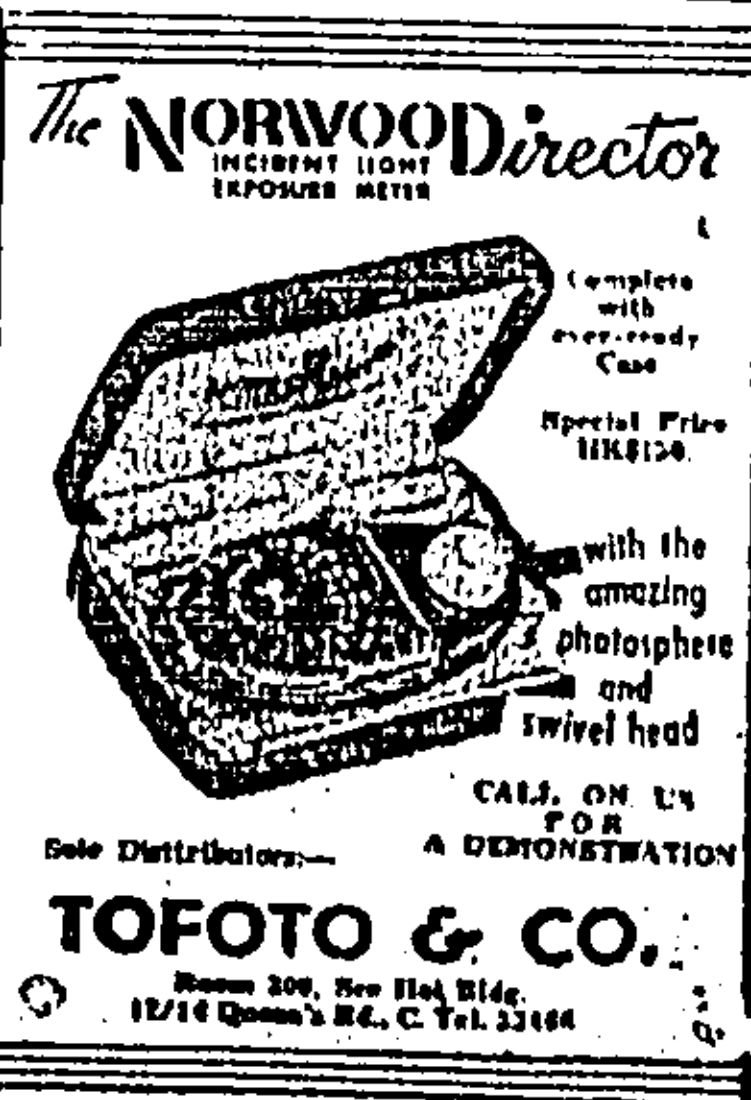


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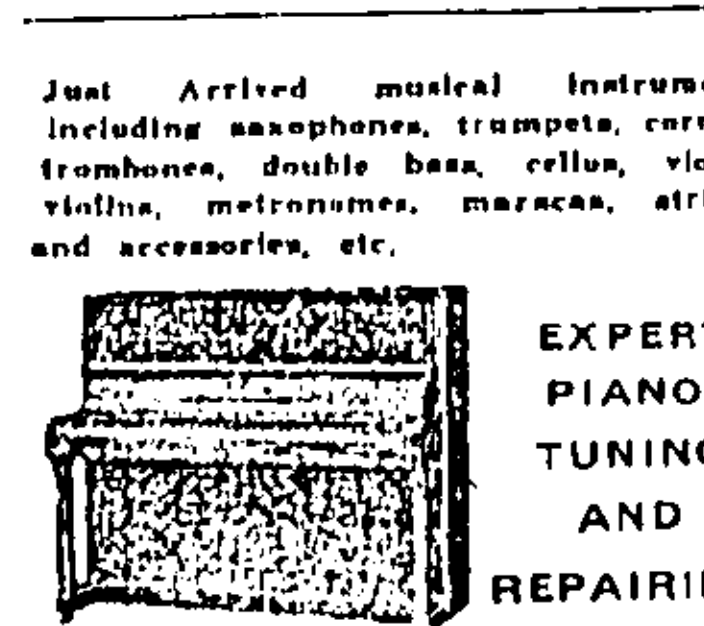
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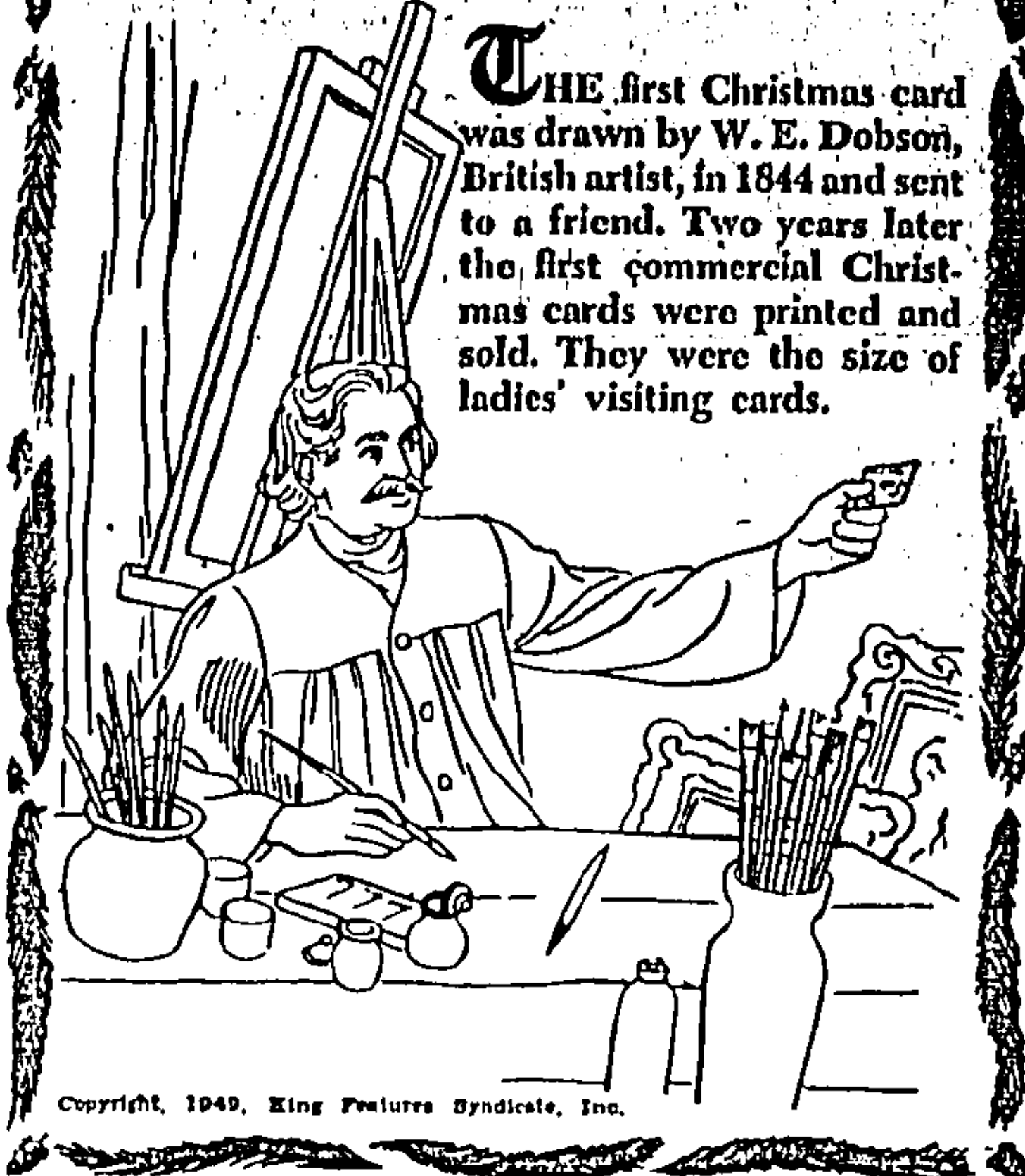


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What you should know about Christmas



Briton may search for lost continent

London, December 20.

Surrounded by books and maps, 54-year-old grey-haired Mr. Egerton Sykes, one-time diplomat and journalist, is planning a trip next year to the Azores to seek the "Lost Land" of Atlantis.

From the United States to his Chelsea, South West London, flat came reports on the sales of a new book on Atlantis which he has edited. On the success of that and other writings hangs the fate of Mr. Sykes' plans for a three-man expedition.

The party would spend six weeks in the Azores, taking underwater photographs from a boat and perhaps flying over the surrounding ocean.

Mr. Sykes thinks that it would cost £1,250. He is confident that under the water around the Azores lies the continent of which Plato wrote—a land larger than Asia Minor and Libya and supposedly drowned by a flood 11,000 years ago.

Mr. Sykes plans to begin his exploration from Corvo, the extreme North West island of the Azores.

The six weeks' investigation would be a preliminary to a more

thorough search at a later date. The "season" for exploration, Mr. Sykes says, is from April to June.

Mr. Sykes has had his expedition in mind for 26 years and is today one of the world's greatest authorities on the literature of Atlantis, with about 1,300 books touching with the subject in his own library.

His biggest problem has been a political and military one. No nation is willing to make available its underwater charts which might shed new light on the seabed near the Azores.

No nation is anxious to make available its latest developments in underwater exploration and underwater photography. Mr. Sykes had to improvise but he believes that these difficulties can be overcome once he is on the scene.—Reuter.

Lisbon, December 20. Heavy gales have washed away the sea wall at the North Portuguese resort of Espinho, rendering seven families homeless and causing two houses to collapse.—Associated Press.

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UNFAIR ASIAN PRACTICE

Birmingham, December 20.

Mr. Parry Kay, Regional Controller of the Board of Trade, said here today that the Board is anxious to protect British manufacturers against unfair Japanese competition.

"Competition from Japan is coming," he told a meeting of the Regional Board of Industry. "Obviously Japan cannot be prevented from exporting, but we can make representations with General MacArthur (the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific) and the Japanese Government where practices not recognised as proper commercial practices are brought to our notice."

Mr. Kay, who was speaking after details had been given of a fall in the imports of British goods into the United States, said that he would see that any instances of unfair competition in his area were taken up "if I am given full particulars."

Investigation had shown, he added, that during a period when Britain had not been able to supply all the hand sewing needles wanted by the United States, Japanese and Chinese needles—selling at 4/6d per thousand compared with 7/6d per thousand for the British product—had been imported.

Later reports indicated, however, that British needle exports to dollar areas are improving. The United States is now importing 2,000,000 British needles weekly, he stated.—Reuter.

INDONESIA CABINET'S STATEMENT OF POLICY

Batavia, December 20.

In its first statement of policy, the United States of Indonesia announced today this seven-point programme.

1. To effectively take over sovereignty, reorganise the Indonesian part of the Dutch army, build new federal armed forces and effect the return of Dutch troops to Holland within the shortest possible time.

2. To preserve public peace in order to realise within the shortest possible time the Democratic basic human rights.

3. To provide in a legal manner the means for the people to express their will in accordance with the provisional constitution and to hold general elections for a Constituent Assembly.

4. To improve economy, finance, communications, housing and health and to prepare programmes for social security, and bring about Government supervision of economic activities to direct them toward public welfare.

5. To intensify the campaign against illiteracy, improve education and build up a national cultural centre.

6. Peacefully settle the disputes with the Dutch over New Guinea within one year.

7. Provide a foreign policy that will strengthen the new nation's position in the world, bolster ideals of world peace and fortify the moral, political and economic relations among the nations of South East Asia to make a union with the Netherlands beneficial to Indonesia and

endeavour to make the United States of Indonesia a member of the United Nations.

Foreign policy

Dr. Mohammed Hatta, Indonesian Premier, who arrived by air from Jakarta today, confirmed that he will leave Indonesia for Holland on December 23 to accept sovereignty from the Queen.

The international policy of his Government, Dr. Hatta said, will be friendship with Holland and other nations and the internal policy one of social justice.

The delegation to Holland, according to Dr. Hatta, will include Sultan Hamid of West Borneo and Suparmo of the Island of Madura, both Ministers without Portfolio in the Cabinet. R. Sukirman, head of the Muslim Party, (Masjumi) Hadnotio Sujoni, head of the Nationalist Party (PNI).

Dr. Hatta told reporters that the High Commissioner to Holland will not be appointed until after the transfer of sovereignty. Asked whether Indonesian expects to get into the United Na-

Indian invite to Bevin

London, December 20.

The Government of India has formally invited Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, to attend the ceremonies in New Delhi which will inaugurate the Indian Republic on January 26, a Foreign Office spokesman announced tonight.

The invitation was conveyed to Mr. Bevin yesterday by the Indian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Krishna Menon.—Reuter.

For the first time Republican troops guarded Batavia airport for the Premier's arrival, instead of Dutch military police.

In Washington, official circles said that the United States expects to notify the Indonesian Government of its appointment of the career diplomat, Merle Cochran, as first U. S. Ambassador to Indonesia, immediately after the Netherlands Government transfers sovereignty at a ceremony in The Hague on December 27.—Associated Press and United Press.

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Swiss rôle

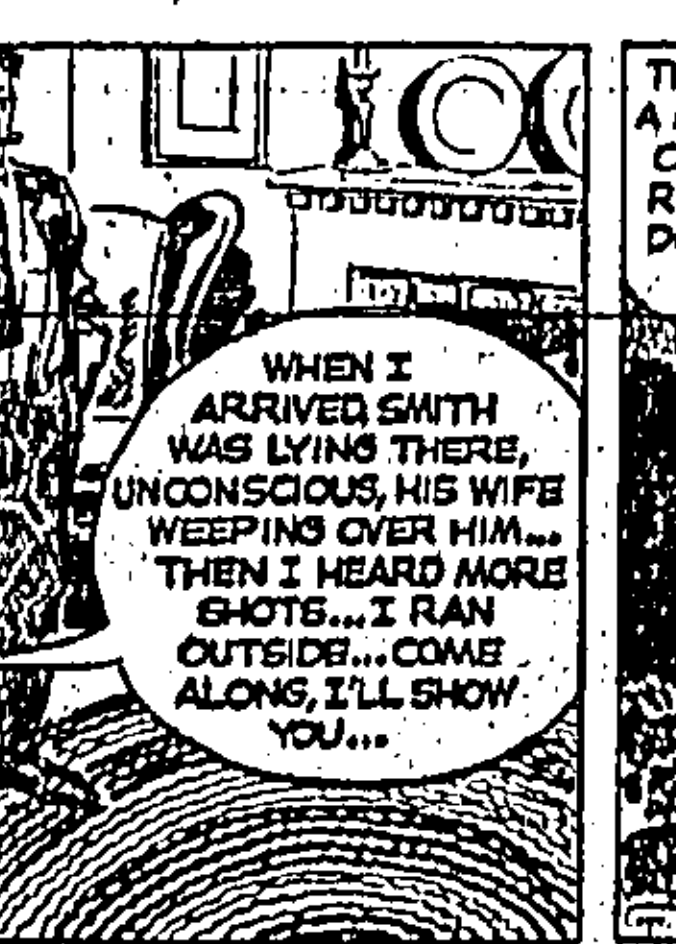
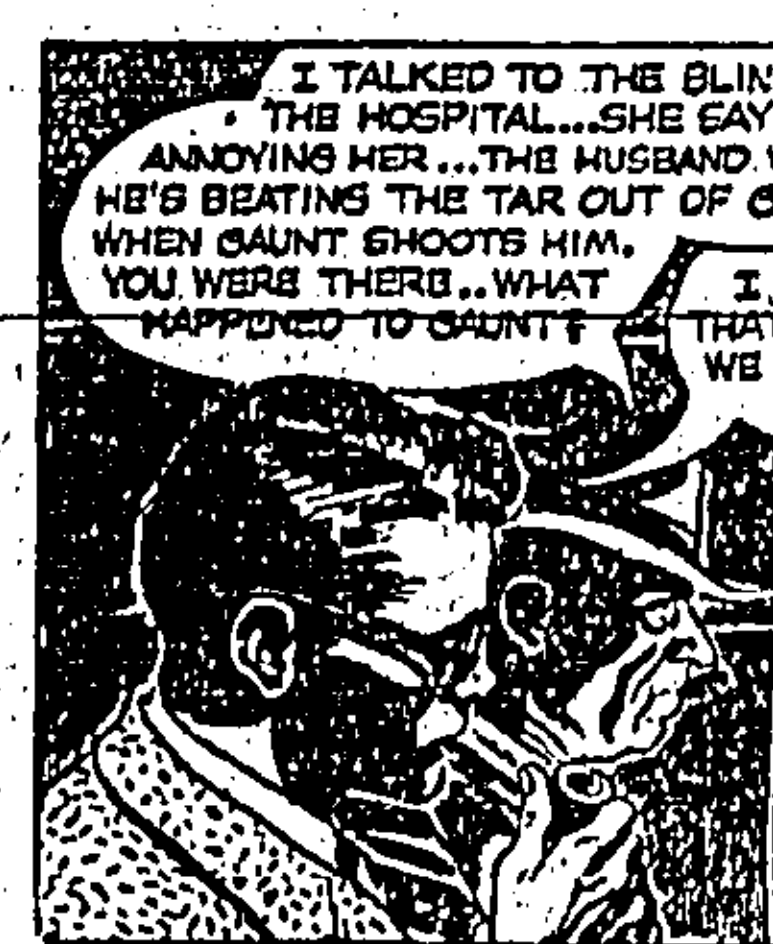
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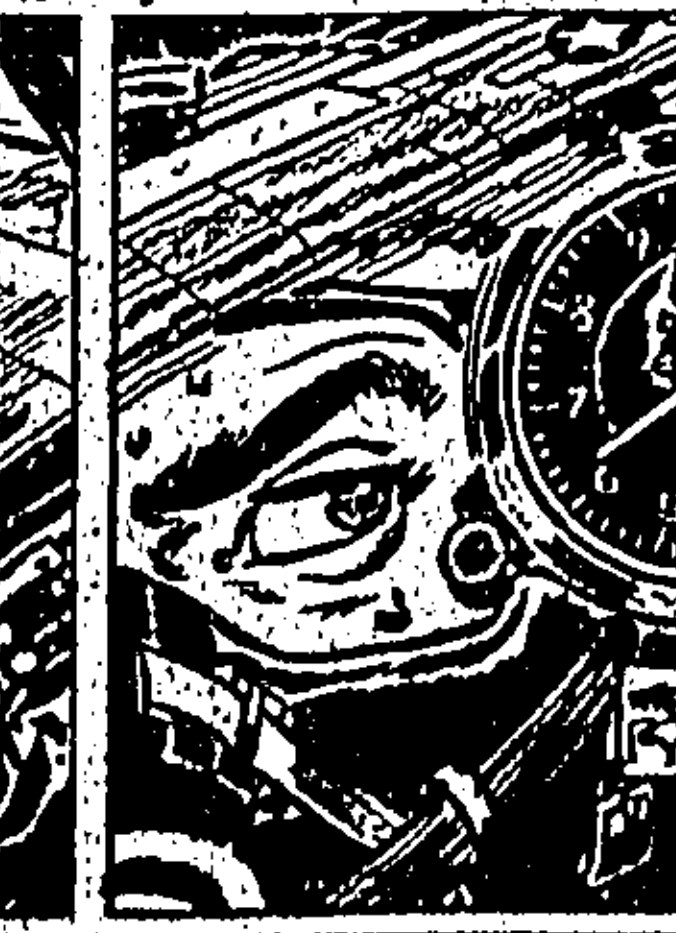
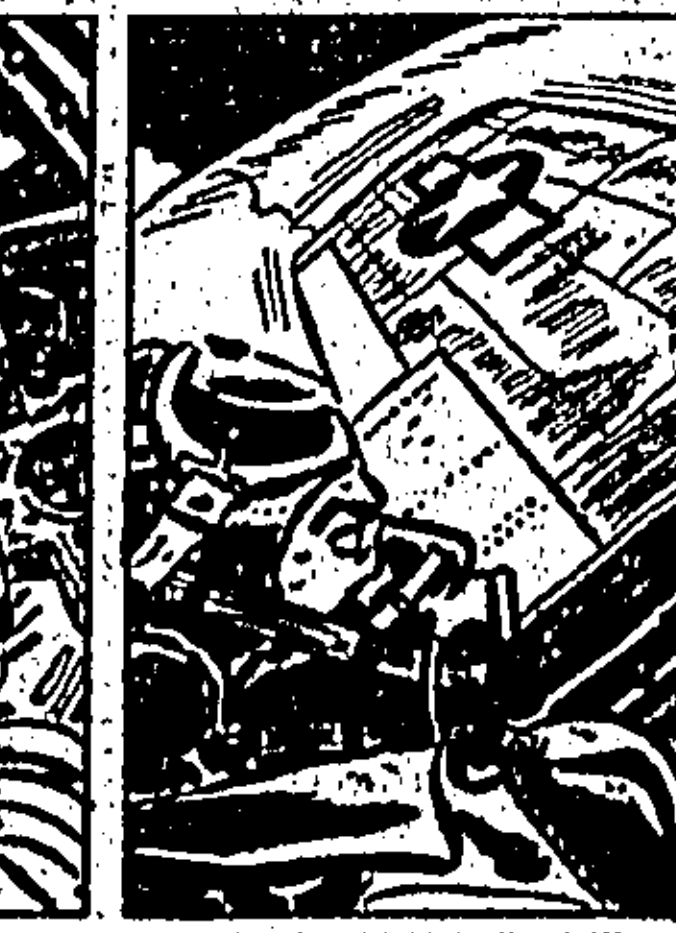
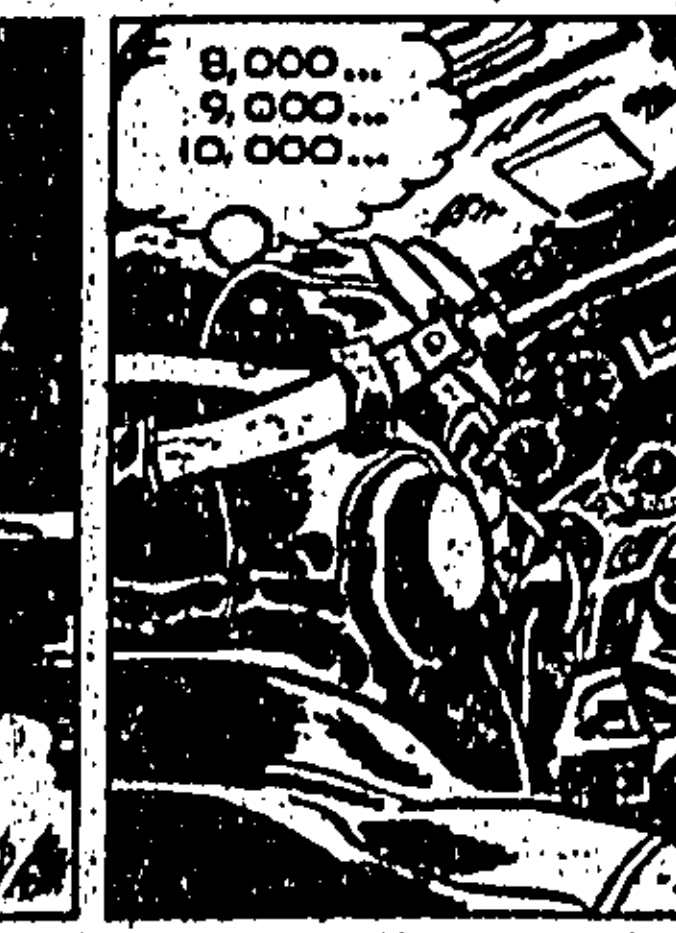
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Mr. Potter said the position of the plaintiffs was quite simple. They had claimed in the hearing before Mr. Justice Gault that they were the recognized Government of China, that this was their property, and they must get it. They went further and suggested that defendants should not even be heard.

"Their case had at least the merits of simplicity and equally the demerits of ignoring entirely what is happening," said Mr. Potter.

Drawing a distinction between a case of war, where a country was friendly to Britain as an ally, and where a country was invaded, Mr. Potter said that as his arguments developed, the distinction would be found to be most acute.

Law clear

"International law is clear in that case, and our law is clear. More invasion by an enemy is nothing more than military occupation. No change, whatever takes place in the Government of the occupied territories. The law still functions, their heads of government are still heads of government, and that is the position until the end of the war," submitted Mr. Potter.

"But in the case of a revolution, as in this case, the position in law is entirely different. Revolution is still a recognized mode in international law, and change of government could be brought about by constitutional means or by the more drastic method of revolution."

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"That, said Mr. Potter, is the difference between revolution and invasion."

"Are not these problems of the gravest consequence? And is it not absurd to say that this is a dishonest case, and we have no defence?" asked Mr. Potter.

Facts of case

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that unless the court discharged the injunction in favour of defendants he would plead the points of his case.

Giving the facts of the case Mr. Potter said that our great neighbour, China, with whom we are at peace, has been swept by a revolution. The revolution was directed against the Nationalist Government of China; and the result has been so successful that the seat of the Nationalist Government has had to be removed from Nanking to Canton, thence to Chungking, and then to Chengtu. It did not stop there and it has now gone to Taipeh in Taiwan.

What is the position of Taiwan? asked Mr. Potter. In his view, which was supported by those of world statesmen like Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Dean Acheson, Taiwan was a part of the Japanese Empire at present under military occupation by the Chinese forces.

The displaced government of China claim still to represent China, notwithstanding that it is functioning in Taiwan. That, said Mr. Potter, raises a tremendous problem in international law. The Nationalist Government was no longer functioning in China.

By its three actions in court it had tried to seize assets of enormous value. If they obtained possession of these assets they would take them away, depriving the Chinese people of this property. They were claiming the right to sell these assets to private individuals—assets belonging to the Chinese people, though they claimed to be the agents of the Chinese people.

After quoting from plaintiff's case Mr. Potter said he had eight points to put forward for argument. They were:

First, what is the position of a recognized state or government which subs in our courts? Mr. Potter said that technically the plaintiffs in this case were entitled to sue, but they were liable to every defence that the other side could put forward.

Second, what is the effect of a revolution in a country with which we are at peace?

Third, can any government, when driven from its territory by a revolt of the people, continue to function in a foreign country outside its own territory?

Mr. Potter submitted that the Nationalist Government of China has no right to function outside its own territory.

Fourth, does the constitution of China permit its government to function outside its own territory?

(a) when the country is politically disturbed in time of peace; and (b) when it has been expelled by revolt?

Fifth, if the constitution of China does not authorize the government to function in Taiwan, outside China, can this court vest the Nationalist Government of China with power to proceed in this action?

Mr. Potter submitted that the government remove State property from China or elsewhere, resulting in depriving the people of China of the use of such property?

Seventh, if removal of such property is proven to be unlawful by the laws of China, can this court prohibit it?

Mr. Potter added that this was not high-power oratory but a plain statement of law. Any government holding property did so as trustee for the people only.

The eighth point, said Mr. Potter, is, are the National Resources Commission the proper people for these proceedings? The only people at issue, he said, seems to be the Nationalist Government of China.

Mr. Potter then quoted extensively from legal authorities in support of his contentions.

"A fallacy"

Dealing with his second point, namely, the question of a revolution in a country with which Britain is in friendly terms, Mr. Potter submitted that according to international law a country had a right to being about any form of government they wished, either by revolution or by constitutional means.

If a revolution succeeded inside the country concerned, he went on, then it means that the authority of that previous government is destroyed entirely.

Referring to the opposing side's contention that there could be no answer to their claim because their clients were the only recognized government concerned, counsel contended that this was a fallacy. That government, he argued, which has been stripped of all authority has thus no authority to make any functions outside China.

As the previous government had been stripped of all authority, counsel continued, his clients, who had been given unimpeded powers by the new municipal laws in China, are entitled to deal with the assets of China.

Mr. Potter declared that our must not confuse the State with government. No matter what form of government a people took, or in what manner, the State always remained the same. He asked how a government not any more recognized in China—having been stripped of all authority—could come into Hong Kong and be immediately vested with full authority to claim assets here of the State.

Counsel as an instance asked the Court to take the case of Mr. Chifley, the former Australian Prime Minister. Counsel said that it would be extraordinarily absurd for Mr. Chifley—having lost the elections—to come to Hong Kong and here bring up a claim against the assets against the Australian Government. He would not be recognised as the agent of his government here any more in view of the change of government.

"It would be extraordinary to allow a government which has been dismissed by its own people to take the State's assets outside its territory," counsel declared.

Counsel quoted from numerous authorities in support of his contentions, after which hearing was adjourned to 10.10 a.m. today when Mr. Potter will resume his address.

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10.00—Radio Jodel (London Relay).
10.15—Weather News Report.
10.16—"The Making of a Play"—"Lighting, Dressing and Decor" (BBC7).
10.20—"Thursday Evening"—A Play.

10.00—"Story of the Carols" (S).
10.15—Handel's "Messiah"—Royal Choral Society, Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor, Sir Malcolm Sargent—B.B.C.
11.15—"Radio Rhythm Club"—Relay from London.
11.45—"The Carol Singers".
12.00—Close Down.

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KMA daily output gradually increasing

The total output per day of the Kailan Mining Administration is gradually increasing. Since the Communist occupation, the figure has reached the 4,000-ton mark, which is higher than when the Nationalists were in control.

This was disclosed by Mr. S. S. Mathieu, geologist and consultant engineer of the KMA, on his arrival here yesterday from Tientsin by the mv. Yochow, on home leave.

"When I left Kailan, there were 15 foreigners carrying on the work. Some will be returning after leave; that is if they are permitted to return," he said.

Mr. Mathieu arrived with Mrs. Mathieu. Both will leave for Belgium after the Christmas holidays. As with most foreign arrivals from North China, Mr. Mathieu affirmed that the foreign community is left alone by the Communists.

"Everything is all right up there. We can get what we want of course with some difficulty. But that is to be expected under present circumstances," he said.

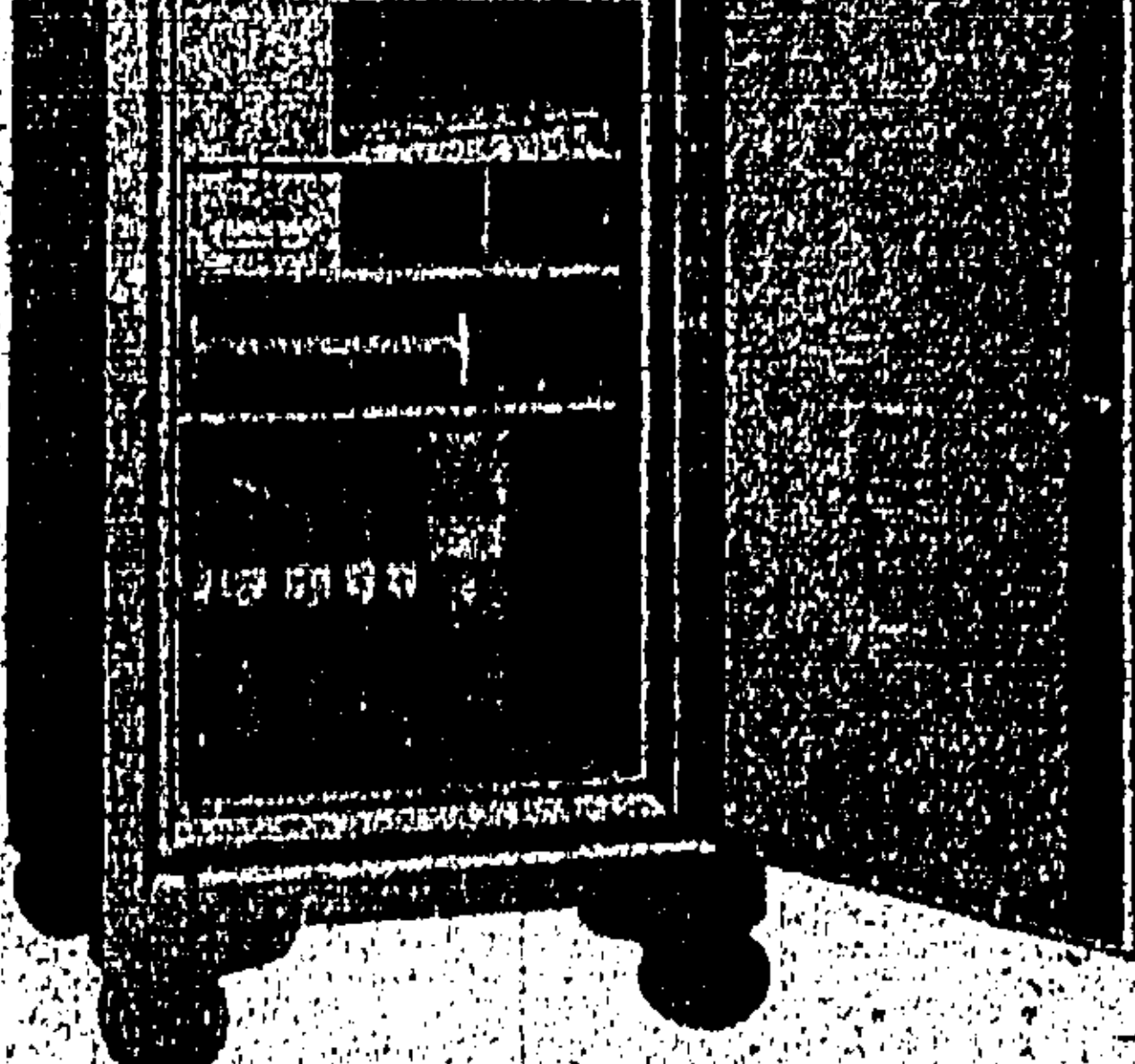
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8.15—Christmas Calendar.
8.30—Morning Music.
8.45—Console & Keyboard.
9.00—Music For All.
11.00—The Four Knights.
11.15—Waltz Time.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—J.K. Clock Exchange.
12.15—The Music of Christmas.
12.30—From The Films.
1.00—Light Variety.
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2.30—Tropicans.
2.45—Vocally Yours.
3.00—Music Makers—Harry James, Joe Daniels Orchestra.
3.15—Children's Corner—with Betty Brit.
3.30—Movie Time.
3.45—Music by Paul Weston.
4.00—Men Behind The Mobdy—The Hfe-story and Illustrative music of the Cuban composer, Ernesto Lecuona.
4.15—Norman Crotchet and his Music.
4.30—B.B.C. News.
4.45—Smile Awhile.
4.55—"Song Souvenir".
5.00—Listen to Lelbert.
5.15—Let's Waltz.
5.30—The Super-Cola Programme—The Sweetwood Serenaders and Charles Jordan, Tenor.
5.45—Children's Request Show—Conducted by Jackie Palmer.
6.00—B.B.C. News.
6.15—Local News.
6.30—South American.
6.45—Rediffusion Christmas Concert—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sylvia Levin playing the music of Christmas.
10.00—"Story of the Carols" (S).
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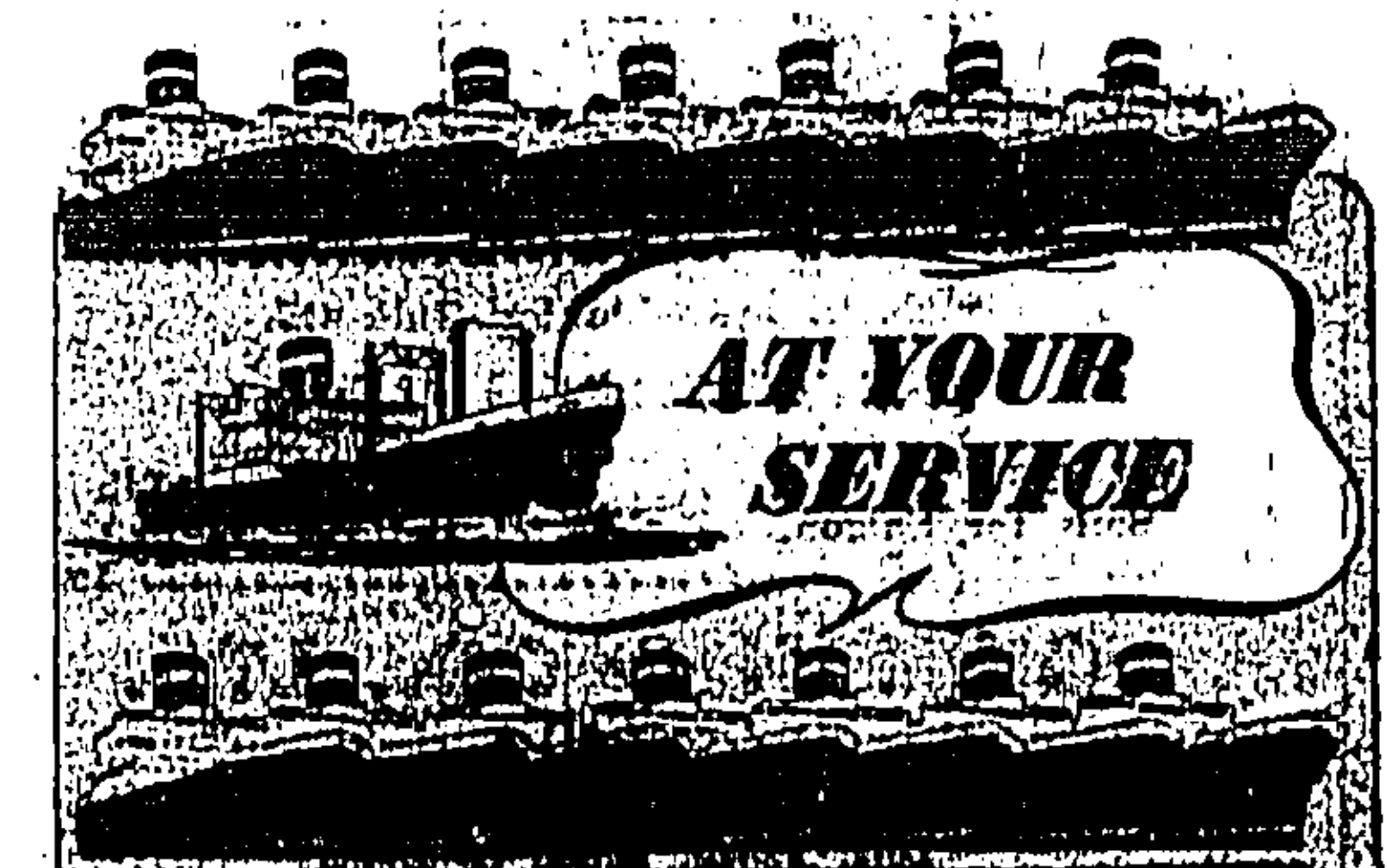
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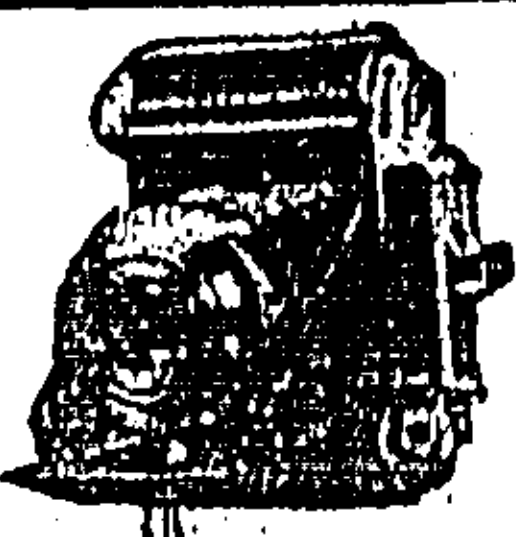
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HK Football Association must give youth its chance

(By "ROVER")

Inter-Services Rifle meet

At the conclusion of the third day of the Inter-Services Rifle Meet yesterday, the Royal Marine sharpshooters held an almost unassailable lead of 185 points over their nearest rivals, the Army, who have 72 1/2 points.

The RAF is a close third with 70 points, while the Royal Navy has 60 points and the Hong Kong Police bring up in the rear with 10 points.

Results of Events held yesterday:

The Ruttonjee Trophy (Photo-timed firing at 30, 20, 20 and 10 yards):

1. Royal Marine "A", 2. Royal Navy "A", 3. Royal Marine "B", 4. Hong Kong Police, 5. RAF, 6. Individual Winner, Lieutenant Commander Collins (Royal Navy).

The Lunar Trophy (Rapid firing at 300 yards and Snap-shooting at 300 yards):

1. Royal Marine "A", 2. RAF, 3. Royal Marine "B", 4. Individual Winner, Marine Ford (40 Commando, representing Young Soldiers Royal Marine Team).

The following 12 men have been chosen to compete for the Individual Championship which begins today:

Lieutenant Cooper (40 Commando), Captain Hodley (Royal Marine Detachment, Belfast), Sergeant Kitchingham (42 Commando), Lieutenant Collins (Royal Navy), Colour Sergeant Maylor (Royal Marine, Stonecutters), Sergeant Gage (42 Commando), Sergeant Newport (45 Commando), Air-craftman Downy (RAF), Sergeant Thackeray (Third Marine, Commando Headquarters), Lieutenant Commander Ridgeway (Royal Navy), Quartermaster Sergeant, Soutercombe (45 Commando, Royal Marine) and Sergeant Boucher (Army).

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

Men's "B" Doubles (Section 1): Chung Wah 7 St. Teresa 11

Is the Hong Kong Football Association afraid of the "powerful influences" behind local soccer as well as certain Chinese soccer "stars"? This question will definitely evoke a most indignant and emphatic "No!" from the Hong Kong Football Association.

A careful study of recent decisions by the HKFA appears to indicate that it is so scared of the "powerful influences" and certain "stars" that it is adopting a policy of appeasement on all fronts and is actually going out of its way to "kow-tow" to the "powerful influences".

To those who are not fully acquainted with the ins and outs of local soccer, it may be somewhat difficult to understand why the HKFA should be scared of the "powerful influences" and "stars" but to those who really know their Hong Kong soccer, there is no mystery.

Although it is one of the objects of the HKFA to promote Association Football in this Colony in every way possible, this object is apparently being relegated into the background for what is no doubt considered to be a more important object, that is, money-making by way of gate receipts. The HKFA is, therefore, inclined to let the "powerful influences" and "stars" have their way to antagonise them means running the risk of losing gate money as the result of the "stars" being conveniently indisposed just before an important game.

Promising youngsters

For this and various other reasons, the HKFA is adopting a policy of appeasement, working hand in hand with the "powerful influences" and ignoring what is really going on behind the scenes.

The situation is such that the HKFA is afraid to give youth its chance and in the selection of players for representative games, inclines towards the wishes of the "powerful influences" and concentrates on the "stars" from one or two Clubs only, to the exclusion of the many promising youngsters, Chinese and other, who more than deserve a chance to prove their ability.

Take the forthcoming visit to Manila as an example. The Chinese players who have been selected to take part in the matches against the Spaniards in Manila are, for the most part, old-timers who have been dominating the local soccer field all too long.

No secret

While there is no secret about the reason why certain "stars" continue playing football although past their prime, it is felt they should retire gracefully and make way for those who will better serve the interests of soccer in this Colony.

The writing is on the wall and unless the HKFA changes its present policy of appeasement and embarks on a bold and enterprising programme of experimenting with the youthful talent at its disposal in all Clubs, the standard of football in this Colony is doomed to sink lower and lower.

HKCC LAWN BOWLS PRIZE DAY

The Hong Kong Cricket Club held its Lawn Bowls Prize Day yesterday, when prizes won during the season were presented to the winners by Mr. H. Owen-Hughes.

Owen-Hughes congratulated Mr. R. H. Wild on winning the Club Singles title and Lieut. Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell and Mr. A. Graham on the achievement of annexing the Pairs title.

He also congratulated the runners-up in both competitions.

Singles: Winner: R. H. Wild, Runner-up: W. Williamson. Pairs: Winners: Lieut. Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell and A. Graham, Runner-up: H. F. Shields and P. de Zema.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and December 27, at the HKCC.

Play will commence at 11 a.m. on each day and stumps will be drawn at 5.30 p.m.

A. Pearce, O. J. Kerr, H. Owen-Hughes, H. M. Newton, M. Jones, R. S. Cull, T. Mahon, R. Rhesen-Ender and G. H. Pritchard.

Secretary: F. S. Purry, Umpire: R. Phillips.

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Mme. D.A. Flack of 40 Cdo. Bde. who yesterday won the five-mile cross country race organised by the Royal Navy in the record time of 17 mins. 53 secs. receiving her prize from Mrs. Madden, wife of Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden on conclusion of the race. Mme. Flack bettered the record of 19 mins. 45 secs. set up by L/B Ham of HMS Belfast over the same distance in March last. ("China Mail" photo.)

Mme. Flack wins Royal Navy cross country race

Mme. Flack of 40 Cdo. Bde. yesterday won the five mile Cross Country Race organised by the Royal Navy in 17 mins. 53 secs. thus bettering the record of 19 mins. 45 secs. for the same distance set up by L/B Ham of HMS Belfast in the first post-war Fleet race held in March last.

The Unit trophy was won by 40 Cdo. Bde. with 976 points, while the trophy for Small Ships was annexed by 3 Cdo. Bde. HQ with 1323 points.

On conclusion of the race, prizes were distributed by Mrs. Madden, wife of Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden.

More than 400 contestants took part in the race, which started and finished inside the Race Course at Happy Valley.

On leaving the Race Course, the contestants proceeded by way of Sports Road into Wongnei-chung Road, up Blue Pool Road, along Tai Hang Road and then down Broadwood Road into Wongsing Road, returning to the Race Course by way of Sports Road.

Results

Individual Runners: 1. Mme. D. A. Flack (17 mins. 53 secs.), 2. Mrs. H. T. Smith (18 mins.), 3. Mme. F. C. Chiverton (18 mins. 2 secs.).

Unit Trophy: 1. 40 Cdo. Bde. (976 points); 2. 45 Cdo. Bde. (980 points); 3. 42 Cdo. Bde. (1370 points).

Small Ships Trophy: 1. 3 Cdo. Bde. HQ (1323 points); 2. St. Bride's Bay (1345 points); 3. Whitehead Bay (1376 points).

Teams from the following took part in the race: Belfast, Charlton, Cossack, St. Bride's Bay, Whitehead Bay, Tamar, Alert, Concord, Cardigan Bay, Mounts Bay, Black Swan, Alcester, Hart, Dampier, Constance, Jamela, 40 Cdo. Bde. 42 Cdo. Bde. 45 Cdo. Bde. and HQ Cdo. Bde.

The fourth annual Marathon race which is due to be held on New Year's Day will have about 74 participants including 28 Europeans.

The race which is sponsored annually by the Chinese YMCA will start near the Kowloon Magistracy, Gascoigne Road. The route will be Nathan Road, Chatham Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Nathan Road. The finish line will also be set near the Kowloon Magistracy.

The total distance of the race is about seven and a quarter miles.

A silver cup will be presented to the winner of the race by Mr. Kuo Lam-po, Manager of the Wing On Company.

Last year's record for the Marathon race was 38 minutes and 42.2 seconds.

HKFC SOCCER TEAMS

The following will represent Club XI in a soccer match against the Royal Navy at the Club ground on Saturday, December 24, kick off—3.45 p.m.

Brown: Roberts, Barker, Mul-len, Riley, Stringer, Barclay, Widge, Hardwick, Main, Blackford.

The following will represent the Club, 2nd XI against St. Joseph's at the Club ground on the same day, kick off—2.30 p.m.

MacKenzie, Leck, Sloan, Fullbrook, Locker, Partridge, Strang (E), Baker, Boyer, Stewart, Barker.

Liverpool should return to winning form

(By 'ALBION')

Liverpool, in sustaining a second defeat in successive weeks, makes the position in Division I most interesting. They now have only a two point lead over their nearest rivals, Wolverhampton.

Wolves, incidentally, although not having recorded a win in their last 10 games, are surprisingly still well to the fore. All this suggests to me that the standard of play in this Division is much on the same level.

Liverpool should return to winning form at Anfield Road on Saturday when they have to face Everton as their guests. They will need to win to keep anything like a grip on the leadership of the league.

Wolverhampton, on the other hand, will find points hard to come by in consequence of their visit to St. James's Park. Newcastle ran Portsmouth to a close game on the latter's ground last week and will be expected to continue the good work against the Wolves. Yes, Newcastle got my vote this week.

The Blackpool-Pompey match on the former's ground this week, stands out as the game of the day, as far as League I is concerned.

Both teams have kept well in the running for the honours at stake this season and an excellent game should be witnessed.

Mediation means anything to both teams; it will be to Blackpool that we shall look for victory. However, I would venture to predict a draw as being the result of this game.

A classic

Arsenal entertain a much improved Sunderland at Highbury on Saturday and this game should also be a classic, with the Gunners just taking the spoils.

Birmingham should record their third win of the season at the expense of Stoke City who, like Birmingham, are finding things pretty difficult to contend with.

Galant Brentford, who ran the Spurs to an excellent drawn game at White Hart Lane last Saturday, are this week at home to Bury. The result of this match should further assist the Londoners to get from the bottom half of the table. A home win, I should say, is a safe bet.

Tottenham are away to Blackburn and will have to fight very hard to take a point from the former First Division side. I shall be quite prepared to see the Home team on the winning side at full time.

Sheff Wed, Wednesday, the runners up of this Division should experience a comfortable win over Bradford and their Sheffield counterpart should beat Luton away.

Exciting game expected

A record crowd should be at Vetch Field to witness the Welsh Derby between Swansea, and Cardiff City. Although both teams have fallen away badly since the beginning of the season, I anticipate it will be a keen and exciting game seen at Swansea in a long time. Home supporters being in the majority they should manage to cheer their team through by the time the final whistle sounds.

Notre County, in the Southern Division, will be out to avenge their 2-0 defeat at the hands of Southend last Saturday, when they met Bristol Rovers; this week it will be poor old Bristol that will be the foe.

There will be a Wappinhaw game for members at the KBGC on Tuesday next commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Forest, who also went down on Saturday, on their own ground at that, will again find things hard going when they meet Wolves. They will need to win to keep anything like the position interesting.

Constant change

There seems a constant change of runners up in the Northern Division, neither one of Doncaster rivals being able to close the gap. They all just fail when they might make the position interesting.

I see Rochdale have jumped into second place now, being three points behind Doncaster. This week they have a home game with Hartlepool. This should mean a home win, but as with the majority of teams in this league, form doesn't seem to come into it.

I should say Doncaster is a good away banker against Chester as the latter have struck a very bad patch so far this season.

Forecasts

Division I
ARSENAL v Sunderland
BIRMINGHAM v Stoke
Blackpool v Portsmouth
Bolton v BURNLEY
DERBY v Chelsea
FULHAM v Aston Villa
LIVERPOOL v Everton
Man. City v CHARLTON
Middlesboro v Huddersfield
NEWCASTLE v Wolves
West Ham v MAN. UNITED

Division II
BARNESLEY v West Ham
BLACKBURN v Spurs
BRENTFORD v Bury
COVENTRY v Grimsby
Hull v Leicester
Leeds v PRESTON
Luton v SHEFF UNITED
PLYMOUTH v Chesterfield
SHEFF WED. v Bradford
SHEFF WED. v Queens P.R.
SWANSEA v Cardiff

Division III (North)
BRISTOL C. v Norwich
Exeter v WATFORD
Ipswich v Palace
Leyton v READING
MILLWALL v Aldershot
Newport v Southend
NORTHAMPTON v Brighton
NOTTS C. v Bristol R.
PORT VALE v Bournemouth
Swindon v TORQUAY
Walsall v NOTTS F.

Division III (South)
BARROW v Oldham
Bradford C. v GATESHEAD
Carlisle v Mansfield
Chester v DONCASTER
CREWE v York
HALLAM v Darlington
LINCOLN v Wrexham
New Brighton v Trarnere
ROCHDALE v Hartlepool
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KBGC XMAS DRAW

The Christmas Draw organised by the members of the Kowloon Bowling Club will take place at 6.30 p.m. today.

There will be a Wappinhaw game for members at the KBGC on Tuesday next commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Eight softball games during Xmas holidays

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Eight games will be played off during the Yuletide holidays, with the first round of the Men's International Series dominating diamond activities.

The Ladies' junior league, which ended with a triple tie for first place among Squaws, St. Teresa and White Fangs at the conclusion of the initial round, will inaugurate the second round with a twin-bill.

St. Joseph's remain the only undefeated league leaders as Rexes fell before Jaguars in the minor league last week.

Full programme with umpires and scorers for the Holidays is as follows:

Monday, December 26—
CBA Ground
Men's International Series 1st Round: 1 p.m., Portugal v Philippines (Y.C. Mei, Bill Woo, Dick Chung; Philo Remedios); 3 p.m., Pakistan v Great Britain (Don Robins, Chas. Figueroa, Fred Dietz; Philo Remedios, Fred Dietz).

Ladies' Junior League: 10 a.m., McTyreans v Clovers (Philo Remedios, Edo Almeida, Eddie Loureiro, Hal Winglee); 11.30 a.m., Squaws v White Fangs (Eddie Marques, Tony Kwok, Fred Hyndman; Hal Winglee).

Tuesday, December 27—
CBA Ground
Men's Senior League: 11 a.m., Americans v Overseas (Skelly Razak, Tony Silva, Fred Holt; Berbard Silva; 12.30 p.m., Braves v Dare-devils (C. Flook, Bob Porter, Tony Kwok, Philo Remedios); 2.30 p.m., St. Teresa v Jaguars (Chas. Figueroa, Buster Holland, Ren Sequiera; Philo Remedios).

Men's Junior League: 9.30 a.m., Pandas v Delawareans (Bill Silva, Eddie Loureiro, Danny Izzatt; Renle Barretto).

Batting averages
Canuckette (third-sacker) Avarta Choy is still top in the current Ladies Batting Averages, while St. Joseph's outfielder George Souza now takes over the lead in the Men's Seniors.

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
Compiled by Philo Remedios—
Over 23 times At Bat.

George Souza . . . 22 12 522
Y. F. Yin . . . 24 11 455
Billy Soares . . . 27 11 408
A. H. Bakar . . . 30 12 400
Dave Leonard . . . 25 10 400
Ren Sequiera . . . 33 13 394
I. Erikren . . . 28 11 393
H. Ayres . . . 25 11 378
C. M. Tsang . . . 25 0 360
S. K. Khan . . . 31 11 350
K. T. Leung . . . 31 11 350

Most Runs Batted In were registered by S. K. Khan with 11, who also jointly holds the home-run title with Spiders' Gutierrez with three round-trippers each.

Art Ozorio, the Mighty Atom, has the most stolen bases to his credit with 15.

LADIES SENIOR LEAGUE
Compiled by Hal Winglee—
Minimum four games.

Avarta Choy . . . 5 27 12 545
Bobbie Lee . . . 5 20 7 350
Irene Castilho . . . 5 10 0 375
M. Chintan . . . 5 18 6 333
R. Ribeiro . . . 5 22 7 318
T. Campos . . . 5 20 0 300
A. Chintan . . . 5 15 5 278
M. Xavier . . . 5 18 5 278
S. Howard . . . 5 15 4 207
H. Ibbelro . . . 5 15 5 203
H. Soares . . . 5 20 5 250
I. Soares . . . 4 12 3 250

Leaders in departments: Home runs: T. Campos 3; 3-base hits, A. Choy 2; 2-base hits, A. Choy 3; Runs Batted In, Irene Castilho 9; Stolen Bases, T. Campos 10.

Britain's team
The following have been selected to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming International Series: Jack Brown, Ignar Erikson, Eric Guest, Umberto Mose, A. Smith, Eddie Mason, Billy Wilkinson, Bina Abing, Buster Hollands, Sid Hollands, A. Thomas, George Saunders, Gerald Pomeroy, Danny Izzatt, Stan Leonard and Dave Leonard.

League Standings to date:

Men's Senior League
St. Joseph's . . . 7 0 1,000
Braves . . . 6 2 730
American . . . 5 3 075
Madcaps . . . 5 3 075
St. Teresa . . . 5 3 075
Canadians . . . 0 3 067
Spartans . . . 0 3 067
U.S. Navy . . . 0 3 067
Jaguars . . . 4 3 371
Overseas . . . 4 3 371
Paks . . . 3 5 501
Chung Hua . . . 3 0 333
Daredevils . . . 1 7 122
Cumancheros . . . 0 0 000
Eamch . . . 0 10 000

Men's Junior League
Rexes . . . 8 1 869
Blackhawks . . . 7 2 778
Jaguars . . . 7 2 778
Braves . . . 5 4 558
Overseas . . . 5 4 558
Spartans . . . 3 6 333
Griffins . . . 3 6 333
Pandas . . . 2 6 250
Delawareans . . . 0 8 000

Ladies Senior League
Wahons . . . 4 2 600
Wildcats . . . 2 3 400
Pirates . . . 1 4 200

Ladies Junior League
St. Teresa . . . 3 1 750
White Fangs . . . 3 1 750
Squaws . . . 2 1 667
Clowns . . . 1 3 250
McTyreans . . . 0 3 000

The Lawn Bowls Season at the Club de Recreio will officially end on Saturday next, when the last of the Club's tournament, the "Roxita Cup" will be contested.

This cup was presented to the Club de Recreio for competition by Mr. A. M. Gutierrez, the Shanghai Importer.

J. A. da Luz, won for the second year in succession, the Club singles title, while he beat the Shanghai Importer Skip, A. M. Souza in the semi-final 21-15. The pairs title was won by A. P. Pereira and A. M. Souza who beat A. V. Gaganio and B. P. P. Marques by 29-20.

The "Memorial Cup" for the Club de Recreio rink champion, ship was won by H. S. Remedios, S. A. Colloco, L. S. Silva, and C. E. Marques (skip) when they beat A. M. Frain, B. Pinto; H. Colorio and J. A. Luz (skip) in the final by 15-0.

Follow the ball through

NORWICH GOAL

NETHERCOTT

Evans shot from here

Evans look pass here

MORGAN

TOBIN

EVANS F

DUTTON

PIEWICK

SEWELL

First time pass

Ball from a North Clearance

Billey steel went to Nottingham to see the County play

Norwich and he was particularly impressed with the move

which produced a goal for Tommy Lawton and Co.

The move: Clearance by Notts defender, which Lawton

fell back to collect. Lawton passed to Sewell and wings

Evans sprinted into the vacant centre-forward position to col-

lect Sewell's down-the-middle first time pass to score the

goal. Quick thinking and fast running by wingers are sure

ways to goals.